



ANDERIDA ADOLESCENT CARE

MONITORING POLICY

Anderida take the safeguarding of young people very seriously and will do everything in their power to keep young people safe, whilst using the least intrusive methods.

The homes have an alarm system on entrance and building exits that will be triggered when adults and / or young people exit or enter the building; this makes a low-level beep in the day and is put to a louder setting to alert carers in the office at night. All homes operate CCTV outside of the homes that monitor anyone entering or exiting the grounds, the requirement for this to be operational will be risk assessed for individual young people and will be reviewed regularly. This is to prevent individuals who do not have permission to be in the building entering without the knowledge of carers and also to ensure that the carers are aware if a young person leaves the premises, even if they do so in a covert way.

Where risk assessed as appropriate our homes have an alarm system on the doors of the young people's bedrooms, these systems are only activated when required and at night. The use of these systems and external CCTV is regularly reviewed as to the necessity to have these operational.

Anderida do not consider an alert on the doors and windows or external CCTV to be intrusive surveillance, however they will take steps to ensure that young people and significant others are aware of the systems and local authorities consent to these safety measures by:

- Including information on the monitoring systems utilised, in the homes statement of purpose
- Ensuring that local authority admissions forms cover consent around monitoring and securing of internal doors/windows
- Including information around monitoring and security in the young people's Terms of Residency
- Include information about CCTV in The Young Person's Guide
- Ensure regular review of the necessity to continue to monitor through CCTV monthly through the Reg 45 monitoring process.

During periods of low risk this will still be turned on to monitor the perimeter in the same way a family home would take steps to increase their security. However, if there are also concerns about safety in the neighbourhood, young people running away or intruders, CCTV will be left running on record so that mentors can check feed for intruders or people leaving the home. In order to keep the young person safe, it may be sometimes be necessary to lock the internal doors at night. If it is felt this is required, the situation will be regularly reviewed in consultation with the young person's social worker.

The images and information are stored securely, only for the stated purpose and only for as long as necessary. Anderida can provide footage within 1 calendar month free of charge. Only designated staff members do have access to the recordings and are trained in handling information regularly.

SUPPORTING POLICIES & PROCEDURES

- Missing Persons
- Safeguarding Procedure
- Internet Policy