



The **Regulation** and
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Statement from RQIA

Praxis Care Children's Service (South Eastern HSC Trust area)

“During an inspection of a children's service operated by Praxis Care in the South Eastern Health and Social Care Trust area in February 2022, RQIA identified that insufficient skilled and competent staff were in place to meet the complex needs of the children in their care, to promote their rights, and safely respond to their needs.

RQIA Inspectors considered that inadequate record keeping and significant shortcoming in staff induction at this service were placing both the children and staff at risk.

As a result of the serious risk identified by the Inspection to the health and wellbeing of a number of children living at this service, RQIA made a successful application on 3 March 2022 to a Justice of the Peace for an order to cancel its registration. Working with RQIA, following this action the South Eastern Health and Social Trust took over responsibility for the staffing and management of this home, and children and young people continue to live in this home.

The safety and wellbeing of services for vulnerable children is of paramount importance to RQIA. RQIA will continue to monitor and inspect this service and work with other stakeholders to ensure that it meets the required standards. RQIA is determined that the experiences of service users and their families are heard, and that this informs and drives RQIA's actions.”

Should any family member have any concern about a care service please contact RQIA at: telephone: (028) 9536 1990, or email: info@rqia.org.uk