

# Notice of Conditions of Accreditation as a Designated Agency

Issued under Clause 65 of the Children and Young Persons (Care and Protection) Regulation 2012

## Family and Community Services NSW: Community Services Illawarra Shoalhaven District

ABN: 87 503 966 787

**Date of notice:** 26 July 2018

This *Notice* supersedes the *Notice of Conditions of Accreditation as a Designated Agency*, issued on 12 October 2017. The Children's Guardian has varied the conditions on the accreditation of Family and Community Services NSW: Community Services Illawarra Shoalhaven as a designated agency.

In addition to the general conditions of accreditation in Schedule 3 of the *Children and Young Persons (Care and Protection) Regulation 2012*, the Children's Guardian has imposed the following conditions on the agency's accreditation.

### Condition 1

This agency may provide:

- statutory out-of-home care (foster care)
- supported out-of-home care (home based care)

### Condition 2

Family and Community Services NSW: Community Services Illawarra Shoalhaven District must verify online the Working with Children Check clearance, or in the absence of a clearance, an application for each staff member in child-related work or in a child related role, each authorised carer and each adult person residing with an authorised carer before commencing employment.

### Condition 3

The Principal Officer of this agency is required to notify the Children's Guardian in writing when the agency receives an allegation of sexual misconduct or serious physical assault towards a child or young person in statutory out-of-home care, committed by a child-related worker (inclusive of employees, authorised carers, adult household members and board members).



#### Condition 4

Family and Community Services NSW: Community Services Illawarra Shoalhaven District must maintain records of practice *relevant to the safety, welfare and well-being of children and young persons placed with it*. These records must be made available to the Children's Guardian for inspection upon request, in written form or an electronic format approved by the Children's Guardian.

#### Condition 5

Family and Community Services NSW: Community Services Illawarra Shoalhaven District may not provide, arrange or supervise voluntary out-of-home care.

#### Condition 6

This agency must comply with the guidelines for the emergency authorisation of staff and contractors issued by the Children's Guardian.

*Giving false or misleading information to the Children's Guardian is a serious offence.*

**The Children's Guardian may suspend, shorten or cancel the agency's accreditation if it fails to comply with any of these conditions.**

The Children's Guardian may publish details of failure to comply with conditions of accreditation in the Children's Guardian's Annual Report to Parliament.

A decision of the Children's Guardian to impose, not impose, vary or revoke a condition of accreditation is reviewable by the NSW Civil and Administrative Tribunal (NCAT), under clause 7 of the *Children and Young Persons (Care and Protection) Regulation 2012*, following an internal review by the Children's Guardian. Further information about NCAT and internal reviews may be obtained from NCAT (tel: 1300 006 228).

The Children's Guardian has provided a copy of this *Notice* to the NSW Ombudsman.

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