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Home Visits Policy	
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General Information

It is our priority to ensure that parents/carers and their child feel welcome and valued from the first day onwards at the Elijah Social Cognitive Skills Centre (ESCSC).

Visiting a child's home is often very helpful to the family and can support the child in the settling-in process. Whilst we do not visit all families at home, where it is appropriate, we will consider conducting home visits, as this provides a chance for information to be shared in an informal way as well as observe the child in their natural environment. This opportunity will be beneficial to the child's PROSCIG© Intervention Programme as a focus on developing skills that the child needs and how these can be generalised to the home environment and beyond would be integrated.

Purpose of Home Visits

The purpose of home visits is to develop and strengthen relationships, to identify needs and deliver an intervention programme by offering support, advice, and a signposting service to relevant agencies where necessary.

Parents/carers have valuable knowledge about their child, which will help staff to provide appropriate experiences for them at the Elijah Social Cognitive Skills Centre.

Home visits provide:

- An opportunity for a new child and family to meet the therapist, who would be the allocated key person, in the home.
- An opportunity for a child, family and staff to get to know more about each other in a home environment where the child feels most relaxed.
- An opportunity to gather information and knowledge about the child and their individual care needs.
- Suggestions on how to set up an appropriate workstation for the child based on their work at the ESCSC.
- An opportunity for parents/carers to ask further advice on their child's programme.

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- Parents/carers with an opportunity to receive practical advice on implementing their individual and specific programme at home.

Home Visits Setup

ESCSC will always formally set the home visit at a suitable date and time with parents/carers and will inform parents/carers of the name of the therapist who will visit.

Parents/carers can expect a therapist to ask questions regarding the child's everyday needs and expectations. Therapists may ask to observe parents/carers to interact with their child, as they usually would do, to gain more information regarding the child's behaviour at home, and how to fully adapt the PROSCIG© Intervention Programme in all settings.

Parents/carers are welcome to ask for more information regarding the home visits if any questions may be concerning before and/or after the home visit.

Additional Home Visits

We may occasionally also book an additional home visit if the need arises. ESCSC will always explain to parents/carers the reasons we believe such a visit would be required and will always follow our procedure to book an appropriate time with parents/carers for these visits.

Review and Amendments

This policy will be reviewed yearly to ensure its effectiveness and relevance. Amendments to the policy may be made as necessary and all staff should be made aware of the new changes.