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for Education

# **Children's residential care review**

**Independent call for evidence**

**Launch date 28 October 2015**

**Respond by 31 December 2015**

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## Introduction

Sir Martin Narey is seeking views on the purpose and role of residential care for young children, and what works best to improve outcomes.

## Who this is for

- people running or working in children's homes and other residential settings including:
  - secure children's homes
  - residential schools
  - secure training centres
  - young offender establishments
- children
- young people
- parents
- carers
- local authorities
- representative bodies from across the sector
- academics with an interest in residential care

## Issue date

The consultation was issued on 28 October 2015.

## Enquiries

If your enquiry is related to the policy content of the consultation you can contact the department on:

- by telephone: 0370 000 2288
- by email: [ResCare.REVIEW@education.gsi.gov.uk](mailto:ResCare.REVIEW@education.gsi.gov.uk)

If your enquiry is related to the consultation process in general, you can contact the DfE Ministerial and Public Communications Division by email on [consultation.unit@education.gsi.gov.uk](mailto:consultation.unit@education.gsi.gov.uk), by telephone on 0370 000 2288, or via the [DfE contact us page](#).

## Additional copies

Additional copies are available electronically and can be downloaded from [GOV.UK DfE consultations](#).

## The response

The results of the consultation and the Department's response will be [published on GOV.UK](#) in spring 2016.

## About this consultation

Sir Martin Narey writes:

The Prime Minister and Secretary of State for Education have asked me to lead an independent review of residential care. I am delighted to have this opportunity.

The aim of this review will be to examine the purpose and role of residential care. I intend to explore the following:

- the types of residential care that are currently provided, in order to understand the full range of provision which is available and when and for which young people it is best used
- what works within residential care settings to improve outcomes for the young people placed in them
- what improvements could be made to the way that residential care provision is commissioned, delivered, regulated and inspected to improve outcomes and value for money
- whether there are better alternatives for some of the children who are currently in residential care
- any other issues which might contribute to better outcomes for children in care

The review is due to report in the spring of 2016.

I would like my findings to be informed by as wide a range of views and evidence as possible. I am therefore launching a call for evidence. I would like to hear from people running or working in children's homes and other residential settings, whether regulated or unregulated, including secure children's homes, residential schools, secure training centres and young offender establishments. I would also like to hear from children, young people, parents and carers alongside local authorities, representative bodies from across the sector and academics with an interest in this issue and others. The views of those in residential care and adults who have left residential care would be particularly valuable.

Please send responses to [ResCare.REVIEW@education.gsi.gov.uk](mailto:ResCare.REVIEW@education.gsi.gov.uk) by 31st of December 2015 along with any other enquiries about this call for evidence.

Sir Martin Narey

Adviser to the Government on Children's Social Care

## Respond online

Please send responses to: [ResCare.REVIEW@education.gsi.gov.uk](mailto:ResCare.REVIEW@education.gsi.gov.uk)

## **Deadline**

The consultation closes on 31 December 2015 at 5pm.



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