



Ministry of Public Works and Environment

Department of

Request for Proposals

For

**Comprehensive Assessment and Strategic Plan for Bermuda Government's
Residential Child Care Facilities**

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Questions & Answers

The following addendum supersedes information contained in the solicitation document issued for this procurement to the extent referenced. This Addendum forms part of the solicitation documents and will be subject to all the conditions set out in the contract conditions.

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1. Points of contacts for residential sites
 - a. **The Points of Contacts are Mrs. Kennette Robinson- kmrobinson@gov.bm**
 - b. **Mr. Chris Cunningham - cpcunningham@gov.bm**

2. Legislative & Technical Standards: During the meeting, "care home requirements under legislation" were referenced. To ensure our technical audit is precisely calibrated, could the Department provide the specific Statutory Instrument or Minimum Standards document currently used for building inspections, or should we benchmark exclusively against the Bermuda Building Code 2014 and UK NICE standards?
 - a. **The benchmarks are the UK NICE guidelines, the Council on Accreditation standards and the Bermuda Building code are used for accreditation.**

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 - a. **Current capacity limit is 12 children per care home. Expanding services for the 5-11 age group or a stabilization and assessment unit the overall number would increase by 12 children per home. Which would mean a total of 48 beds.**

4. Safeguarding Classifications: Regarding the security requirements mentioned for residents with complex needs, is the Department looking for the consultancy to define the physical/architectural specifications for these safety tiers, or are there existing Government security classifications we must follow?
 - a. **The main classifications that we must follow are the fire regulations, but we want to be explicitly clear that we are not looking at a juvenile detention or prison style of service design. We require to be secure but not a fully locked unit. To the best of my knowledge there are no Bermuda standards for security for juvenile group homes, but I stand to be corrected. The Council on Accreditation and the UK NICE guidelines I believe would be the best place to start regarding the required evidence-based design specifics.**

5. Greenfield Site Identification: As the Department confirmed it is not bound to current sites and is open to "Greenfield" scenarios, will a shortlist of available Crown Lands be provided for our assessment, or is our team expected to independently identify and propose potential locations?
 - a. **Council on Accreditation guidelines <https://nonprofitalliance.bm/wp-content/uploads/2025/06/Group-Living-Services.pdf>**
 - b. **We wish for perspective bidders to not consider site scenarios but to give us the approximate gross square footage for the home(s). This will dictate sites to be considered**