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Mr Nigel Lindsay  
Principal Officer  
Wesley Community Services  
PO Box 218  
Gosford 2250

Dear Mr Lindsay

I am pleased to inform you that I have approved the transfer of accreditation from The Uniting Church Property Trust (Wesley Dalmar Child and Family Care) to Wesley Community Services Limited in accordance with clause 57(1) of the *Children and Young Persons (Care and Protection) Regulation 2012*.

I understand that you are the Principal Officer for Wesley Community Services and that you were also the Principal Officer for The Uniting Church Property Trust (Wesley Dalmar Child and Family Care).

This transfer will take effect on 1 July 2014 and will permit Wesley Community Services Limited to provide foster and residential care services for children and young people in statutory out-of-home care for the remainder of the existing accreditation period, to 17 December 2015.

On 1 July 2014, The Uniting Church Property Trust (Wesley Dalmar Child and Family Care) will cease to be a designated agency under the *Children and Young Persons (Care and Protection) Act 1998* and will no longer be able to arrange for the provision of statutory out-of-home care for children and young people in New South Wales. The Uniting Church Property Trust (Wesley Dalmar Child and Family Care) will be removed from the Office of the Children's Guardian's website listing of designated agencies and in its place; Wesley Community Services Limited will be listed as a designated agency.

Please find enclosed a *Certificate of Accreditation* confirming Wesley Community Services Limited is accredited as a designated agency under the *Children and Young Persons (Care and Protection) Act 1998*.

Also enclosed is a *Notice of Conditions of Accreditation as a Designated Agency*, which sets out the conditions, imposed on the agency's accreditation as a designated agency.

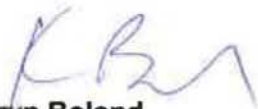
Please also note that condition 4 does not prevent Wesley Community Services Limited from subsequently updating its policies, procedures and practices in response to legislative change or to improve its operations.

I would ask that from 1 July 2014 The Uniting Church Property Trust (Wesley Dalmar Child and Family Care) remove from display its *Certificate of Accreditation* and *Notice of Conditions of Accreditation as a Designated Agency*.

I have also advised NSW Family and Community Services, Community Services, and the NSW Ombudsman of the transfer of accreditation.

Please contact Julia Carroll, Senior Accreditation Officer on (02) 8219 3600 if you have any queries regarding this matter.

Yours sincerely



**Kerryn Boland**  
**Children's Guardian and**  
**A/Commissioner for Children and Young People**

24 June 2014

*Encl: Certificate of accreditation*  
*Notice of Conditions of Accreditation as a Designated Agency*

# Notice of Conditions of Accreditation as a Designated Agency



Issued under Schedule 3 of the *Children and Young Persons (Care and Protection) Regulation 2012*

## Wesley Community Services Limited

ABN: 42 164 655 145

**Date of notice:** 1 July 2014

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 and residential care)
- supported out-of-home care (home based care and residential care)

### Condition 2

Residential statutory out-of-home care may only be provided to children and young persons aged 12 years and over.

### Condition 3

This agency must:

- (a) register online with the new Working with Children Check (WWCC) and
- (b) verify online the WWCC 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 residing with an authorised carer before commencing employment.

### Condition 4

This agency may provide, arrange and supervise voluntary out-of-home care.

### Condition 5

This agency may only arrange for another organisation to provide voluntary out-of-home care if the organisation is a designated or registered agency.

### Condition 6

This agency must comply with the Statutory Procedures for Voluntary Out-of-Home Care, 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 Community Services and Ageing, Disability and Home Care from the NSW Department of Family and Community Services and to the NSW Ombudsman.



**Kerry Boland**  
Children's Guardian