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**There are two standards in Part X of the Housing Act 1985 which are used to assess whether a home is statutorily overcrowded; the space standard and floor area.**

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**1. Following a statutory home visit, if a social worker believes a child open to Children Services on a CIN or CP Plan, may be living in a bedroom that does not meet the minimum floor area, please advise whether it is a practice expectation for a referral to be made to the housing department for a Housing Health and Safety Rating System  (HHSRS) assessment to be undertaken?**

**Contextual information to assist: a child over the age of 10 living in a bedroom in a property that is private rented by parent(s) from a private landlord.**

Social Workers don’t measure children’s bedrooms. If concerned about the impact of overcrowding or housing issues, in rental properties referrals would be made to Housing.