

# Northern Region Group Home

1980 –

## Details

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After the passing of the 1972 Community Welfare Act, the welfare department was restructured and the management of residential care was decentralised. The metropolitan area was divided into regions and each region was provided with a similar group of facilities for smaller group care. In keeping with a new focus on assessment of children after they were admitted into care and developing individual programs for children, each region had an Admission Unit, a Community Unit and a Group Home. Group Homes usually accommodated older children for longer periods of time.

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## More info

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### Chronology

- Spence Cottage, Kensington Gardens (1963 - 1980)
  - **Northern Region Group Home (1980 – )**

### Related Entries

#### Run by

- [Department for Community Welfare, South Australian Government \(1972 - 1990\)](#)

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