Overview

Why are we doing it and what it will look like?



Homes





Progress to date



Risks & Next steps

education



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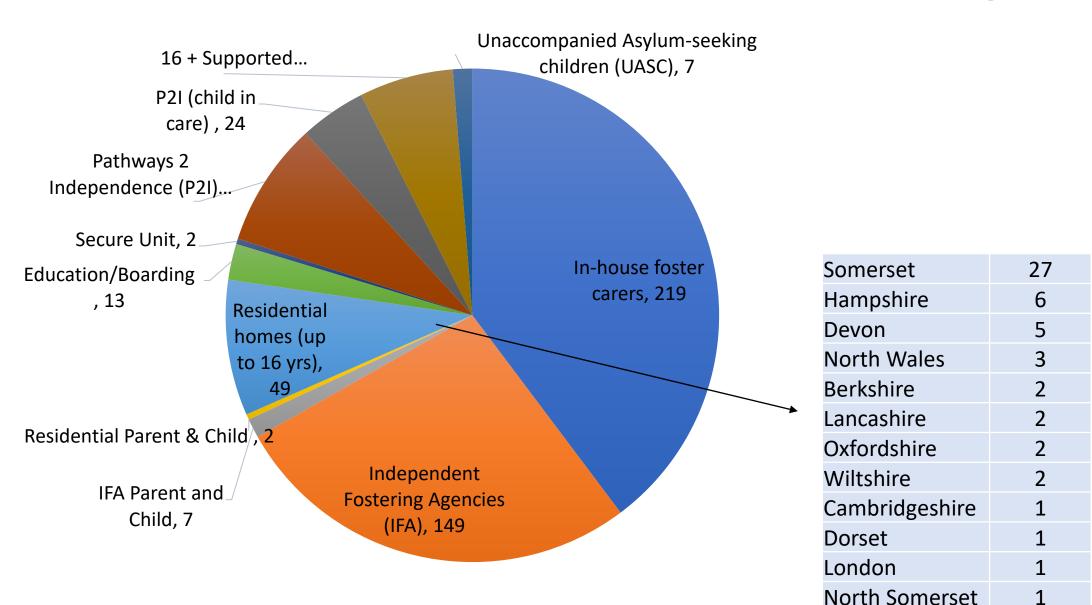
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Homes and Horizons

Where are our children in care living?



Staffordshire

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May 2022

Why are we doing this?

WHAT THE STORIES TOLD US ABOUT THE YOUNG PERSON'S EXPERIENCE BEFORE THEY CAME TO THEIR CURRENT HOME



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Young people present with a whole range of unmet needs and trauma experiences

Many of the interventions they had received to date had not worked

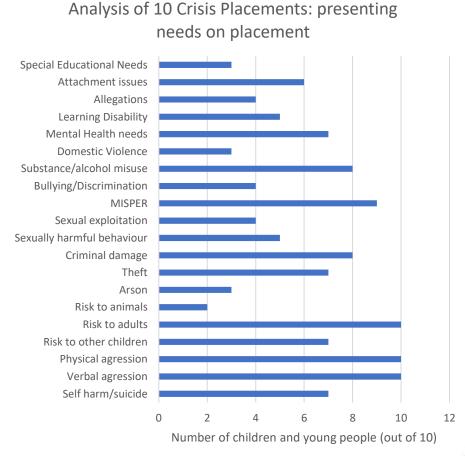
Many different 'placements'

Life had felt very fragmented



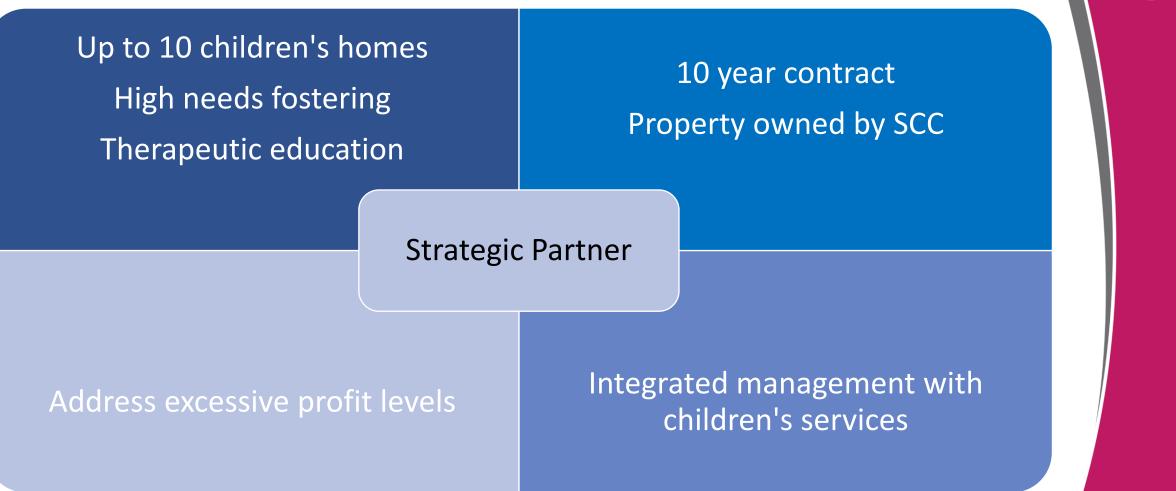


- Need to do something different to ensure there are enough high quality homes for our most vulnerable young people.
- Costs are rising, outcomes aren't improving.
- Lack of choice results in children living far away from home, family, friends and school.





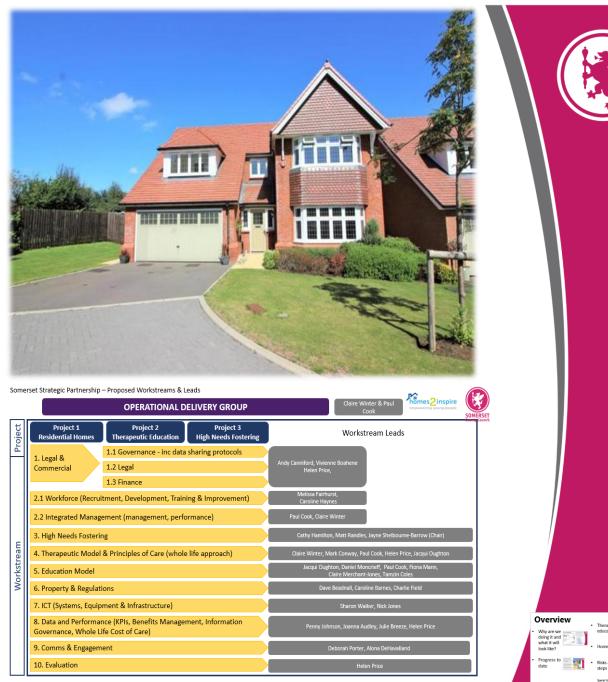
What will it look like?





Progress to date

- Appointed a Strategic Partnership, agreement in place and branding complete
- Purchasing homes:
 - Exchanged contracts on 2 homes
 - Offers accepted on two further homes
- Planning & building work prepped
- DfE Innovation capital bid won and Stay close funding. 2nd DfE Capital bid in hand.
- Workshops & workstreams set up (Integrated Governance developed)
- Registered Manager recruitment and support workers trained and starting in FIS
- Therapeutic Education and Misterton

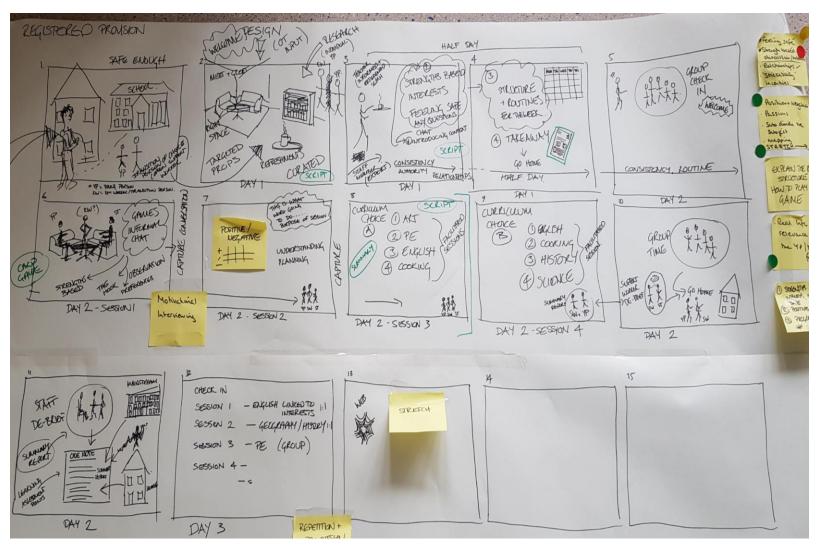






Therapeutic Education Proposal

Therapeutic Education provision: Sprint developments



- Site identified and mapping out the environment
- Linking with other education provision
- Mapping out Multidisciplinary assessment and ways of working
- 'Relax', 'explore', 'practice' and 'stretch' curriculum model
- Daily structure and timetable



| Headline Risks | Mitigations |
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| Staffing and recruitment | Competitive renumeration package Comprehensive training programme, including Family Intervention Service placements and career pathways developed 23 staff now appointed including Registered Managers. |
| Attracting Higher needs foster carers | Business case for a significant Recruitment campaign prepped for September Programme Steering group (circa £80k investment). Clear process developed with training pathway to Panel. One front door model developed so our new Homes and Horizon's fostering service and core fostering service benefit from advertising. |
| School development process | Close liaison with Regional Director's Office to progress application Significant development work undertaken to develop school model Recruitment of Head of Provision underway to progress this. School site agreed. |
| Properties | £1.02 million DfE grant won to support purchases. Close project management to progress work 2 properties purchased and two further properties agreed. |
| Fiscal controls to ensure cost effective service developed (essential need to retain focus on our most complex children) | Finance Workstream agreed 'open book' accounting All financial packages signed off by Steering Group Reporting on outcomes & costs – via Evaluation workstream External longitudinal evaluation |

Proposed Joint Engagement Strategy

- Brief Exec members
- Agree approach for further engagement:
 - Invite local elected members to the home
 - Invite immediate neighbours to the home in 15 minute slots (20 metre boundary)
 - Speak to local leaders:
 - Area beat officer and PCSO for police
 - Local school headteacher
 - Fire and Rescue
 - Hold 'drop in' session for wider community supported by:
 - Lead exec for Children and Families
 - Homes2Inspire
 - SCC Lead for Strategic Partner
 - SCC Strategic Commissioner

Purpose of engagement

- Explain the rationale and context of the strategic partnership – home is purely for Somerset children
- To provide assurance on support mechanisms for the home, understand Ofsted registration and the work of H2I and the wider charity, Shaw Trust.
- To explain the 'Statement of purpose' of the home – include some myth busting
- Allay concerns and fears for immediate neighbours and provide contact points
- Meet the Manager and Staff Team
- Meet Senior Managers from H2I and SCC
- Demonstrate partnership arrangements with key stakeholders and by doing so benefits the local Community (for example regular police social visits to the home can provide reassurance to the Community).

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Timelines and Next steps

- Therapeutic Education Joint business Case with CAMHS
- Robust evaluation incl. longitudinal research & financial monitoring
- Open first homes in early 2023
- Start recruiting foster carers



