



Homes and Horizons

Strategic Partnership between SomersetFT, SCC & The Shaw Trust. Supporting children with complex needs including homes, high needs fostering and therapeutic education

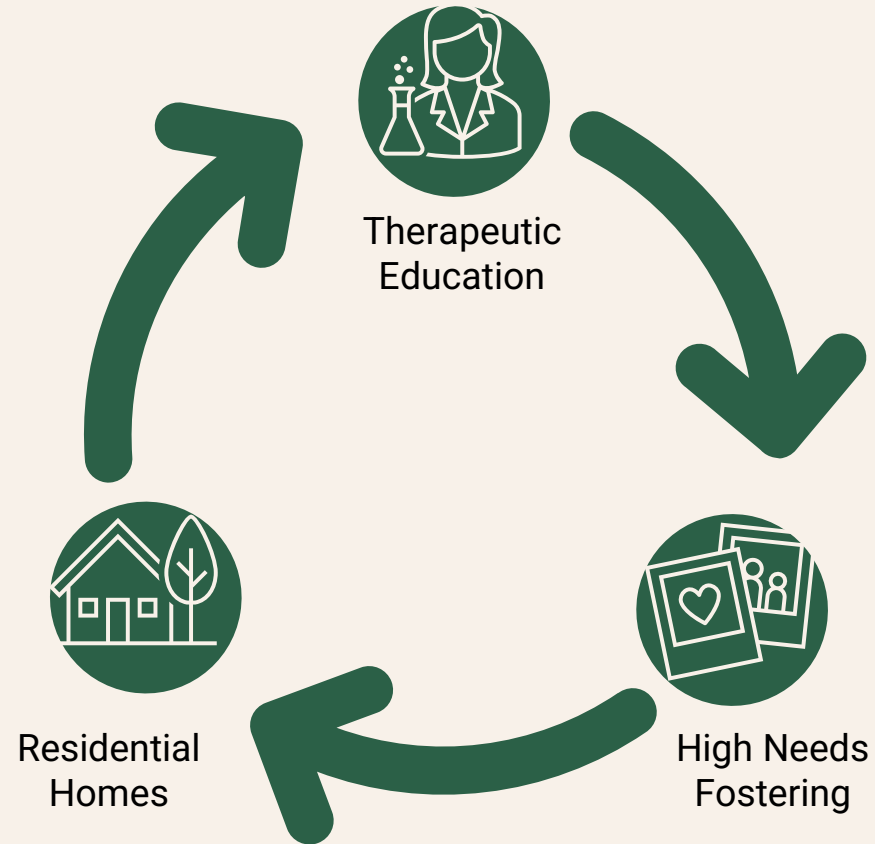
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Links to other education provisions. Our provision focuses on therapeutic care with the curriculum constructed by specialists. This provision will run for 50 weeks in a year.

All our homes will be 2 or 3 beds. The homes will have constant communication with our school, CAHMS, and our HNF service to ensure that children are in the right place at the right time



We are recruiting High Needs Foster Carers who will be able to link with our homes and school, providing every opportunity to help our YP have a loving home environment



- Purchased 6 homes, and 1 further home in progress. (Planning & building work). Searching for 8th home.
- 4 young people in the first 4 homes, and next 2 children move in on 10th July. Next home opening in 4 weeks.
- DfE Innovation capital bid won and Stay close funding 2nd DfE Capital bid in hand.
- Registered Manager recruitment & support workers trained. Now supporting CSC. 67 staff recruited. 54 staff trained through joint model.
- Therapeutic education staff in place and all young people engaged with some education activity.



Progress to date







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Star's Experiences





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Hearing young peoples' voices





Therapeutic Education

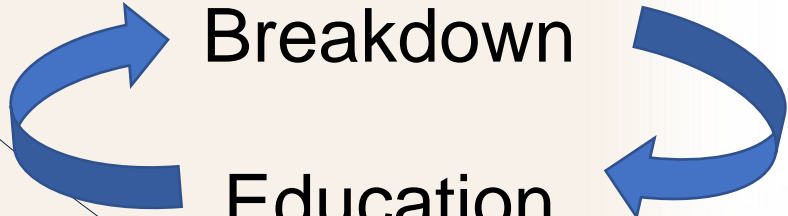
Learning from:

- Hope House Services
- No Wrong Door
- Trevone House



Home / Placement Breakdown

Education





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Therapeutic Education



Misterton site – 1st of 2 planned locations

Multi-disciplinary Team and joint funding

Provides therapeutic interventions & education

The expectation all our young people will attend education full time

Where we are

Procurement process for building work

Registration discussions with DfE Regional Director

Staff appointed & interim education plans



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HN Fostering

OFSTED application in progress

8 potential foster carers identified

Support package mapped out

Stepping down from H&H provision developed, and currently reviewing first cohort of children





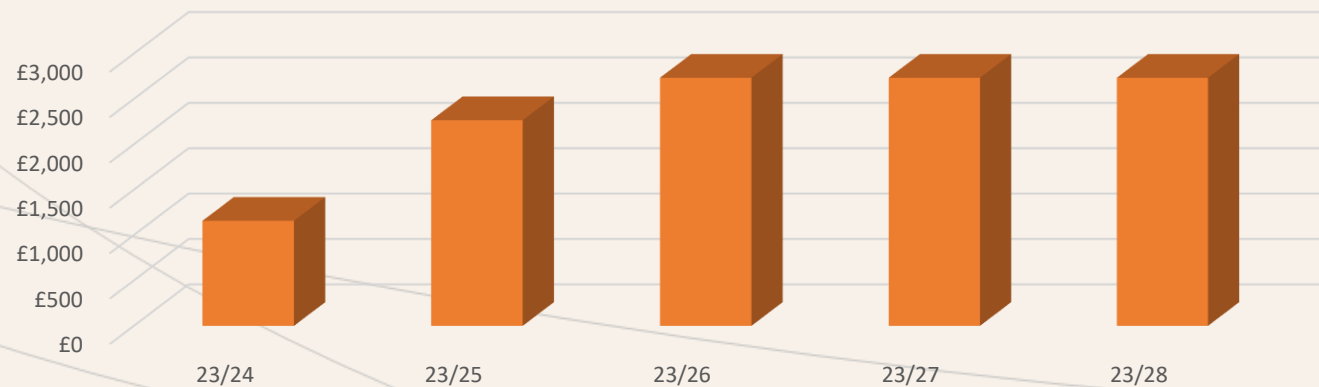
Reported cost avoidance savings at Home 1 & 2 during 2023 Q4: 490k

Does not include use of staff on support packages through 2023, reducing agency costs to CSC



Projected savings for future years:

total savings £000

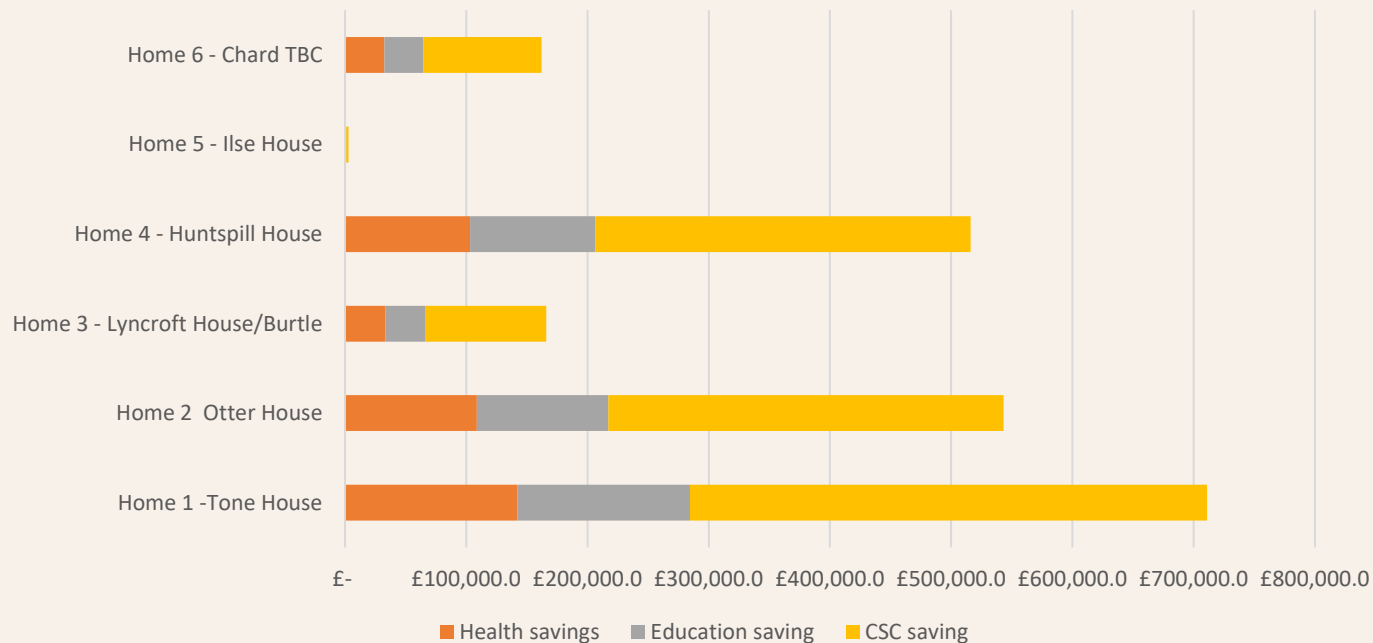


Finances and fiscal savings



Projected savings for 2023/4:

Savings per home



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Total projected savings:

Total: £2,101K (Education: £420k Health £420k; CSC: £1,261)

- Does not include annexes and pods
- Assume increased costs of 10% whilst awaiting real expenditure figures
- Assumes only 80% savings from modelling





Risks and issues

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Management and mitigations

Continuing to generate significant fostering enquiries and recruit foster carers

Overcome payment challenges relating to new financial systems impacting on rec recruitment campaigns.

Track robustly.

Education provision not able to open (also impacts on fostering).

Continue to negotiate with the Regional Director, whilst developing interim provision.

Pods and annexes and next homes not developed quickly.

Appointment of Company to progress prefabricated units, reducing build costs, and time on site.

Ensuring we focus provision at 'the upper end of need'.

Clear processes with sign of Service Director to access provision.
Robust financial tracking.

Ensure quality of provision continues to be at the heart of what we do.

Integrated learning & quarterly reviews against challenging targets.
Young people's voice integrated into the QA process.



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