Young people’s supported housing pathway - summary of key changes and rationale

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<td>Early intervention, Family Support and Assessment Team intervention.</td>
<td>Headline: Increased emphasis on prevention, diversion and timely exit Early Intervention, Family Support and Assessment Team intervention. Utilising edge of care services to divert young people from the pathway. Supporting fostering services to maximise transition from foster care directly into independence. Front end of the pathway has capacity to offer respite while families engage in support to facilitate return home. Reviews should regularly and proactively explore and identify options outside the pathway to enable the young person to safely and sustainably leave the provision in as timely a way as possible.</td>
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<td><strong>Assessment and Intervention</strong></td>
<td>On-going assessment as part of longer-term accommodation. Multi-agency input through generic processes and protocols.</td>
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<td><strong>Headline:</strong> front-loaded intensive multi-agency assessment directly informing proactive intervention Specific, intensive assessment period for up to the first 8 weeks for anyone entering the pathway to ensure robust, effective and timely meeting of needs to ensure move through is maximised. Interagency and/or specialist assessment and intervention to be embedded within this process with specific agreements with specialist services to ensure timely and appropriate input. Clear, targeted and dynamic intervention delivered in a multi-agency context with SMART targets and regular partnership review to ensure positive impact and timely progress.</td>
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<td>Limited range of provision within individual areas with some accommodation based in larger blocks or hostels. Limited affordable options within the pathway to facilitate young people into paid work.</td>
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<td><strong>Headline:</strong> proactive intervention demonstrating clear progression through support and accommodation from entry to exit Phased levels of support and housing options to reflect genuine progression from high level support and intervention at the front end of the pathway to low level/minimal support and intervention in the final phase of the pathway. Affordable shared housing in final phase of the pathway to prepare young people for financial independence and successful progression to sustainable accommodation/independence.</td>
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<td>For singles 1-2 bed self-contained dispersed flats for high need LAC/LC only. 1-2 bed self-contained dispersed flats or bedsits for step-down. 1-2 bed self-contained flats or bedsits in a block/hostel environment for high and medium need. Cluster rooms in a hostel environment for high and medium need. 10+ bed shared house with on-site support for high need only and for single emergency. 4-6 bed shared houses with on-site office support for high and medium need and for emergency. 2-4 bed shared houses with housing management support for UASC and for step-down. For mother and baby 1-2 bed self-contained flats or bedsits in a block/hostel environment. 2-4 bed shared house with on-site support.</td>
<td>Accommodation needs to be accessible and flexible. Young people need to feel and be safe in an environment which feels more like home. Young people should be prepared for their long-term housing options.</td>
<td><strong>Headline:</strong> greater proportion of shared accommodation, reduced proportion of self-contained, no LAC/LC only provision (except initially supported lodgings) to increase flexibility A reduced number of self-contained dispersed flats or bedsits for those where risk requires it and likely long-term outcome is unlikely to be shared. Self-contained flats or bedsits in a hostel environment where vulnerability requires it. Cluster rooms in a hostel environment for emergency, assessment and progression. 4-6 bed shared houses with on-site and peripatetic support for emergency, assessment and progression. Increased numbers of 2-4 bed shared houses with peripatetic support for progression and UASC new arrivals or housing management for step-down. Supported lodgings placements delivered via the fostering service (initially for LAC/LC only). For parents including couples <strong>Headline:</strong> self-contained only, some provision for couples Self-contained flats or bedsits in a block/hostel environment. Achieving this might involve using existing buildings differently and/or using different buildings from currently used.</td>
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### Phases of support and progression

**Emergency/short-notice beds.**
- 6 month beds high need only.
- Till 18th birthday high need only.
- Till 18th birthday or ARE UASC only.
- 2 year beds.

**Accommodation needs to be accessible and flexible.**
- There is a need to ensuring the pathway can hold on to those with high need and/or high risk and/or high vulnerability.
- Young people need to develop skills and gain financial independence to support them to move on.
- Young people should be prepared for their long-term housing options.

**Headline:** phases of support not necessarily linked to specific beds, support can step-up and step-down as needed

**Emergency phase** - short-stay phase to enable rapid access to safe and suitable accommodation for those awaiting entry into the pathway with no place of safety in the interim.
- Assessment/respite phase - short-term phase to enable robust assessment and intervention to identify a way back out of the pathway or to identify the most appropriate support and route through the pathway.
- Progression phase - phase (if needed) offering on-going intervention to support consolidation and progression.
- Step-down phase - phase to offer affordable and realistic shared accommodation to those preparing to leave the pathway into independent/sustainable housing.

The timeframe within which a young person moves through the pathway will be tailored to individual need and should reflect targeted intervention and flexible support to ensure young people leave the pathway in a timely way as meets their needs.

- Timely assessment to ensure robust and comprehensive identification of need and targeted support plan.
- Dynamic intervention to ensure needs are addressed in a way which demonstrates progress towards independence.
- Responsiveness of support and flexibility of accommodation to ensure needs can be met and risks managed.
- Inclusion to ensure those needing provision are not excluded due to levels of need, risk or vulnerability.

**E-bed/short-notice beds in City and West only.**
- High needs only shared accommodation in City only.
- High needs self-contained dispersed in City, Cherwell and South/Vale.
- Parenting provision not available in South/Vale.
- UASC provision in City only.
- High medium need in all District areas.

**Accommodation needs to be accessible and flexible.**
- Young people who need the accommodation most urgently should be able to access it in a timely way.

**Headline:** access to full range of accommodation and phase in each area

**Emergency phase,** assessment/respite phase, progression phase and step-down phase access in each area Shared and self-contained singles accommodation in each District area.
- Parent provision in each District area.
- UASC new arrivals in City only.

**Responsiveness of support and flexibility of accommodation to ensure needs can be met and risks managed.**
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**Delivered by the housing provider.**
- Additional input through generic processes and protocols.

**The complexity of the young people requiring access to supported housing is increasing significantly.**
- There is a need to ensure the pathway can hold on to those with high need and/or high risk and/or high vulnerability.

**Headline:** housing related support continues to be delivered by housing provider with additional specialist assessment, consultation and support provided by other services, partnership approach

- The majority of support will be provided by individual contracted housing providers and that this will be project/provider specific. It is expected that this work will be undertaken, agreed and delivered in partnership with statutory partners.
- There will also be a proportion of support delivered by specialist services eg drug and alcohol services, mental health services, domestic abuse services which will work across the pathway responding to need and risk as is appropriate for individuals within the pathway. These services will work in partnership with housing providers and other statutory services.
- It is not anticipated that a young person will need to move between beds or buildings in order to progress from one type of support to another prior to step-down although this will be required in some cases.

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- Partnership and collective responsibility to ensure robust assessment and support to maintain young people within the pathway until they are able to progress to alternative sustainable accommodation.

**238 beds across the pathway.**
- Majority of high needs beds in the City.
- E-bed access in City and West.

**Young people need to feel and be safe and supported in an environment which feels more like home.**
- Staff teams must be stable, sufficient and skilled in order to develop and maintain positive and productive relationships with young people.

**Headline:** Skilled and motivated staff, reduced bed spaces, redistributed across county, same capacity
- Reduced number of bed spaces across the pathway.
- Reduced numbers of beds in City with increased numbers of beds in other Districts as access redistributed.
- Capacity will not be reduced due to prevention work and the effect of improved assessment and intervention.

**Prevention and timely exit to alternative accommodation to those most in need of the provision are able to access it and for only as long as the need persists.**

**Moving on from the pathway**
- Agreements with District Council partners for prioritising of young people for move-on.
- Minimal progression into private rented sector.

**Young people should be prepared for their long-term housing options.**
- Young people need to develop skills and gain financial independence to support them to move on.

**Headline:** access to move-on for those who need it, increased progression into private rented sector
- Step-down phase offering affordable accommodation to those preparing to move on enabling them to become financially active.
- Working with District Council partners to ensure Move-On is prioritised for young people who most need it.
- Working with the Private Rented Sector to maximise access to the private rented sector.
- Working to ensure that young people are as ready to access the private rented sector as possible to increase their ability to access the private rented sector competitively.

**Choice and personal responsibility to ensure young people are able to make decisions about their accommodation within the context of their longer-term housing options.**

### Distribution of accommodation

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**Provision in City only.**
- Children and young people with specific needs only.
- Access to E-bed for 6 month beds high need only.
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### Support services

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