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# Cardiff's Right Place Accommodation Strategy



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# Accommodation Strategy Summary



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- The Accommodation Strategy went to Cabinet on the 19<sup>th</sup> January 2023.
- The strategy gives an overview of the current position, analyses demand and details the proposals for the following workstreams with consideration for The Right Place and NEST/NYTH framework;
  - Children's Residential Provision
  - Children with Disabilities
  - Mental Health and Emotional Wellbeing
  - Unaccompanied Asylum Seeking Children (UASC)
  - Parent and Baby

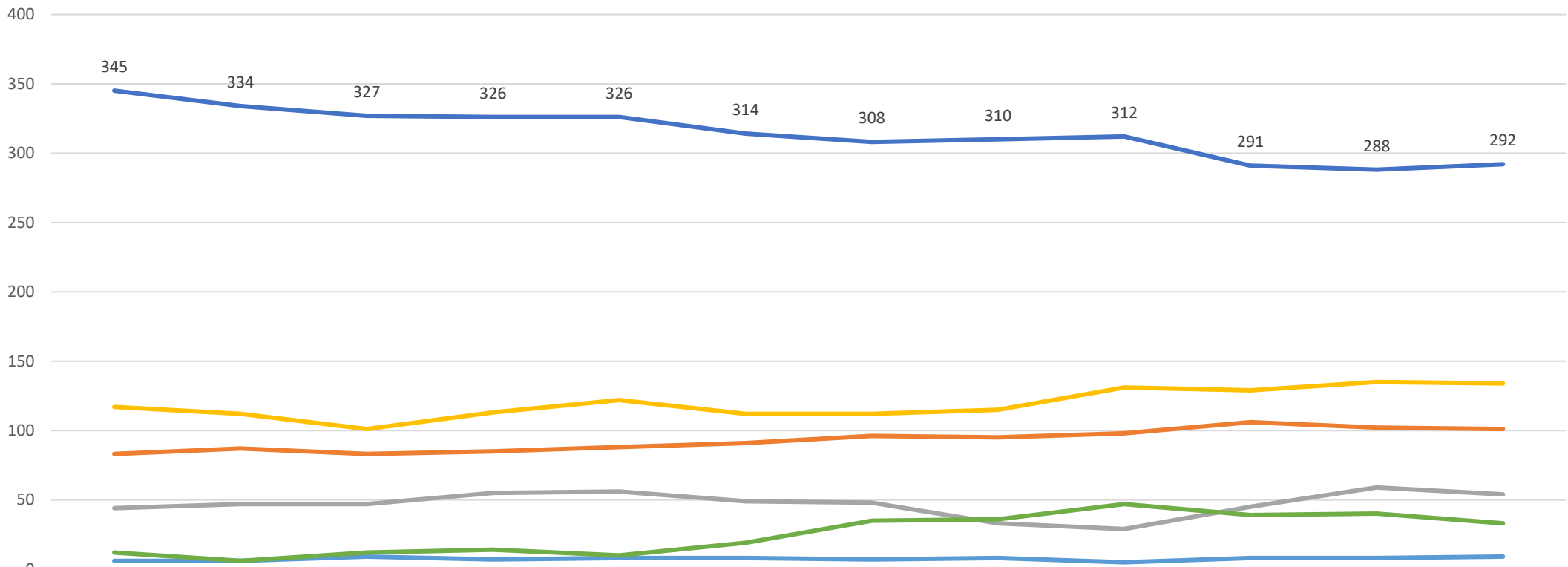


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# Children's Residential Data

Graph showing CLA overtime by type of placement, with external fostering seeing quarter on quarter decreases : resulting in more children requiring residential placements



|                      | Q4 20/21 | Q1 21/22 | Q2 21/22 | Q3 21/22 | Q4 21/22 | Q1 22/23 | Q2 22/23 | Q3 22/23 | Q4 22/23 | Q1 23/24 | Q2 23/24 | Q3 23/24 |
|----------------------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|
| External Fostering   | 345      | 334      | 327      | 326      | 326      | 314      | 308      | 310      | 312      | 291      | 288      | 292      |
| External Residential | 83       | 87       | 83       | 85       | 88       | 91       | 96       | 95       | 98       | 106      | 102      | 101      |
| Independent Living   | 44       | 47       | 47       | 55       | 56       | 49       | 48       | 33       | 29       | 45       | 59       | 54       |
| In-house fostering   | 117      | 112      | 101      | 113      | 122      | 112      | 112      | 115      | 131      | 129      | 135      | 134      |
| In-house residential | 6        | 6        | 9        | 7        | 8        | 8        | 7        | 8        | 5        | 8        | 8        | 9        |
| Other                | 12       | 6        | 12       | 14       | 10       | 19       | 35       | 36       | 47       | 39       | 40       | 33       |

External Fostering External Residential Independent Living In-house fostering In-house residential Other

# Progress

## Children's Residential Provision

Childrens Services have **5** new operational properties (3 General, 1 Mental Health and Emotional Wellbeing and 1 for Children with Disabilities) with a further **4** due to be completed in the first half 2024.

| Property/Home  | YP Beds | Current Status   |
|--|---------|--|
| <b><u>Existing Residential Homes</u></b>                                 |         |  |
| C  | 6       | Operational – Exploring potential kitchen extension and building upgrades  |
| F  | 3       | Operational  |
| O  | 1       | Operational  |
| <b><u>New Residential Homes following the Accommodation Strategy</u></b> |         |  |
| FH U1  | 1       | Operational - recent successful registration with Care Inspectorate Wales  |
| FH U2  | 1       | Operational - recent successful registration with Care Inspectorate Wales  |
| BP   | 2       | Operational - recent successful registration with Care Inspectorate Wales  |
| AG   | 3/4     | Property Handover due for December 2023. Furnishing planned for January 2024 with registration and occupation to follow            |
| H  | 3       | Property purchased and refurbishment works underway – estimated handover February 2023   |
| MC   | 3/4     | Property purchased and refurbishment works due to start January 2024   |
| HH   | 4       | Property purchase complete, schedule of works being finalised for refurbishment  |
| NS   | 2       | Offer accepted – property purchase being completed   |
| Interventions Hub & St Mellons Family Centre                             | 1 + 1   | Current staff office accommodation – Scope potential to create specialist space to support emergency placements for up to 24 hours |

## Children with Disabilities

| Property/Home               | YP Beds | Current Status   |
|-----------------------------|---------|--|
| Ty Storrie (respite)        | 4 / 6   | Operational  |
| BR                          | 1       | Operational – in the final stages of registration with Care Inspectorate Wales                             |
| *Potential for 4 solo homes | 4*1     | Currently exploring potential to purchase 4 new smaller homes for solo placements, respite and shared care |

## Mental Health and Emotional Wellbeing

| Property/Home | YP Beds | Current Status  |
|---------------|---------|---|
| CL            | 5       | Operational - 5 single residential units being used for solo placements. Currently being rented with steps to purchase underway and then registration with CIW. |

## UASC

| Property/Home                  | YP Beds | Current Status   |
|--------------------------------|---------|--|
| CR                             | 6       | Operational  |
| * Potential for new properties | TBC     | Scoping to deliver accommodation solutions for the medium term |

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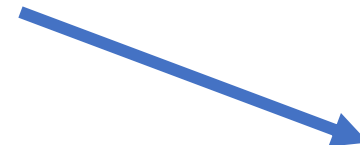
- Ty Storrie our specialist short breaks residential home to become our Child Health and Disability Hub
  - Refurbish Ty Storrie to modernise and improve the sensory zones for children
- Attached to the CHAD Hub will be our existing residential home BR that is providing specialist long term residential provision
- Increase the provision of these solo placements that can be used for long term care, shared care and specialist respite provision
- Expansion of the inhouse service to support children and young people with their Domiciliary and Sessional Support requirements



CHAD Hub  
Ty Storrie



BR Solo Placement  
Residential Home



4 New Smaller Homes for solo  
placements / respite / shared care



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## The Right Place Model (Cardiff homes for Cardiff Children)

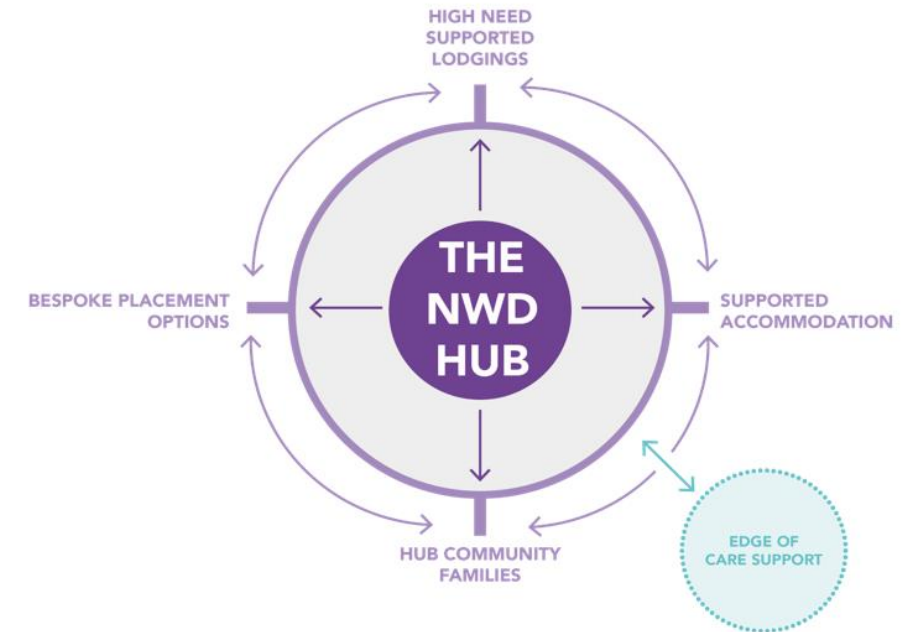
- Residential Provision (Emergency and Medium term)
- Hub Community Families – 2 Foster Carers dedicated to the Hub for short, medium and respite care.
- Supported Accommodation – Independent units for older CYP to try out their independence.
- High Need Supported Lodgings
- Bespoke Placement Options – ad hoc bespoke placements to take CYP out of area when required
- Multi – Agency Team – including residential staff, edge of care workers, Clinical Psychologist, Speech and Language therapist, Police Liaison Officer and portfolio leads including education.



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# Removing Profit from the Care of Looked After Children



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- The co-operation agreement between Welsh Government and Plaid Cymru, commits to ending 'private profit from the care of children looked after'. The initial focus is on care home services for children and foster care.
- New providers seeking to register with Care Inspectorate Wales would have to demonstrate not-for-profit status from **1 April 2026**, with existing for-profit firms needing to transition by **1 April 2027**.

## Next Steps;

- Further policy development on transitional arrangements
- Progress development of Local Authority Placement Commissioning Strategies.
- Expand and develop new local authority provision, supported by £68m funding over the next 3 years from Welsh Government.
- Further development of edge of care services to keep more families together if safe to do so.
- Introduction of Social Care (Wales) Bill in 2024.



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## Aims for the next phase;

**Continue to drive the inhouse residential and work with providers, in line with the eliminate profit agenda, to register and open 12 new residential homes in Cardiff over the next 12 months**



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To achieve this, we will identify and purchase twelve new properties throughout the city. The properties will undergo the necessary refurbishment with consideration to regulations, including the installation of the necessary fire suppression systems and will be registered with Care Inspectorate Wales.

Each Residential Accommodation will;

- Provide a home where children and young people are safe, nurtured and protected.
- Have a core staff team to provide 24/7 support to our children and young people.
- Appoint a qualified and experienced registered manager to oversee the provision.
- Ensure building and regulatory compliance including fire regulations and health and safety compliance whilst ensuring the environment meets the wellbeing needs of the children or young people living there.
- Offer wraparound services where required including psychological support, speech and language and youth justice/police support. This will help provide a stable environment to improve the overall well-being and outcomes of our young people.

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| Identify Properties        | Purchase Property      | Refurbishment Works        | Sign Off Works         | Furnish                    | Register Property with CIW | Run for 5 years (+1/2)     |
|----------------------------|------------------------|----------------------------|------------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------|
| Cardiff Council or Partner | <b>Cardiff Council</b> | Cardiff Council or Partner | <b>Cardiff Council</b> | Cardiff Council or Partner | Cardiff Council or Partner | Cardiff Council or Partner |

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# To deliver this:



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## Investment and increased capacity to the following roles

- Registered Individuals
- Commissioning
- Finance
- Legal
- Building – refurbishment, plus ongoing maintenance
- Project delivery capacity
- Workforce – recruitment and training
- Health & Safety
- Policies and Procedures
- Digital / ICT
- Business admin – including day to day finance



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# How can you help?



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- Support the accommodation strategy and development of Cardiff Homes for Cardiff Children
- Let us know if you see suitable properties in your area
- Any questions?



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