

List of proposals and relative considerations

Developed by stakeholders

Proposal 1:

- Continue to provide the existing service at Acorn House with no changes.
- Service managed and coordinated by one provider.
- Meeting the needs of children with physical health care needs, learning disabilities and complex care on an overnight residential basis only.

Considerations:

- Previous independent review input
- Clear assessment criteria and compatibility groups
- Considered use of environment for age, stage and compatibility groups
- Long stay placements - How does this impact on short breaks?
- How does this impact on the children staying for longer stays?

Proposal 2:

- Continue to provide the existing service at Acorn House with no changes.
- Service managed and coordinated by one provider.
- Meeting the needs of children with physical health care needs, learning disabilities and complex care on an overnight residential basis only.
- Source additional venues across the local authority to offer additional overnight residential short breaks (in addition to Acorn House short breaks).

Considerations:

- Previous independent review input
- Clear assessment criteria and compatibility groups
- Considered use of environment for age, stage and compatibility groups
- Long stay placements - How does this impact on short breaks?
- How does this impact on the children staying for longer stays?
- Increased financial commitment

Proposal 3:

- Continue with existing service at Acorn house under NHS regulation.
- Service managed and coordinated by one provider.
- Re-balance overnight residential short breaks and add daytime support, after school and/or at weekends.

Considerations:

- Appropriate use of environment
- Assessed needs, compatibility groups
- Separation of 2 sides of building to provide 2 different models of support

Proposal 4:

- Retain the existing building and environment but introduce a social care-led model of support.

- Service managed and coordinated by one provider.
- Providing short breaks on an overnight residential basis only.

Considerations:

- This would require registration from the care inspectorate including adaptation of Health and Social Care Standards.
- GIRFEC framework would be employed with full SHANARRI outcomes identified and measured.
- Referral criteria designed.
- Staff training – both health and social care staff mix.

Proposal 5:

- Retain existing building but introduce a social care-led model of support.
- Service managed and coordinated by one provider.
- Re-balance overnight residential short breaks and add daytime support, after school and/or at weekends.
- Flexibility and diversity in types of support within the same service, e.g. group work, intensive support and therapeutic sessions.

Considerations:

- Use of the environment.
- Referral criteria designed.
- Compatibility groups.
- Appropriate allocation of resource based on a needs-led basis.
- Staff training – both health and social care staff mix.

Proposal 6:

- Retain existing building but introduce a social care-led model of support.
- Service managed and coordinated by a Health and Social Care Partnership.
- Re-balance overnight residential short breaks and add alternative, flexible and diverse support after school and/or at weekends.
- Flexibility and diversity in types of support within the same service, e.g. group work, intensive support and therapeutic sessions.

Considerations:

- Longer term placements.
- Use of the environment.
- Referral criteria designed.
- Compatibility groups.
- Appropriate allocation of resource based on a needs lead basis.
- Staff training – both health and social care staff mix.
- GIRFEC and measurable outcomes.
- Collective use of resources and consideration of how to maximise use of SDS.

Proposal 7:

- Retain the existing building but introduce a social care-led model of support.
- Service managed and coordinated by one provider.
- Make use of two separate areas in existing building for: 1. Overnight short breaks 2. Longer-term residential care/crisis support.

- Seek an additional base to act as a hub for providing additional, flexible and diverse day-time services, e.g. outreach support, group work, drop-in sessions, afterschool and weekend sessions.

Considerations:

- Longer term placements
- Use of the environment
- Referral criteria designed
- Compatibility groups
- Appropriate allocation of resource based on a needs lead basis
- Staff training – health and social care mix?
- GIRFEC and measurable outcomes

Proposal 8:

- Retain the existing building but introduce a social care-led model of support.
- Service managed and coordinated by a Health and Social Care Partnership.
- Make use of two separate areas in existing building for: 1. Overnight short breaks 2. Longer-term residential care/crisis support.
- Seek an additional base to act as a hub for providing additional, flexible and diverse day-time services, e.g. outreach support, group work, drop-in sessions, afterschool and weekend sessions

Considerations:

- Longer term placements
- Use of the environment
- Referral criteria designed.
- Compatibility groups.
- Appropriate allocation of resource based on a needs lead basis.
- Staff training – health and social care mix?
- GIRFEC and measurable outcomes.
- Collective use of resources and consideration of how to maximise use of SDS.

Proposal 9:

- Source alternative property and introduce a social care-led model of support.
- Service managed and coordinated by a social care partnership.
- Reduce overnight residential short breaks and add alternative, flexible and diverse support after school and/or at weekends.
- Flexibility and diversity in types of support within the same service, e.g. group work, intensive support and therapeutic sessions.

Considerations:

- Longer term placements
- Use of the environment
- Referral criteria designed.
- Compatibility groups.
- Appropriate allocation of resource based on a needs lead basis.
- Staff training – health and social care mix?
- GIRFEC and measurable outcomes.
- Collective use of resources and consideration of how to maximise use of SDS.

Proposal 10:

- Source an alternative property in both Dumfries area and in west of the region and introduce a social care-led model of support.
- Service managed and coordinated by a social care partnership.
- Provide the current commitment to overnight residential short breaks but split the locations.
- Seek an additional base to act as a hub for providing additional, flexible and diverse day-time services, e.g. outreach support, group work, drop-in sessions, afterschool and weekend sessions

Considerations:

- Longer term placements
- Use of the environment
- Referral criteria designed.
- Compatibility groups.
- Appropriate allocation of resource based on a needs lead basis.
- Staff training – health and social care mix?
- GIRFEC and measurable outcomes.
- Collective use of resources and consideration of how to maximise use of SDS.

Proposal 11

- Cease to offer overnight residential short breaks
- Offer alternative, flexible and diverse support after school and/or at weekends.
- Service managed and coordinated by a social care partnership.

Considerations:

- Need for overnight support