

Alternative Provision – capacity needed and travel distances

Assessment of additional capacity requirements, based on the redesign proposal to increase provision at Osborne Court campus and cease delivery at Ludlow Road short breaks unit. These calculations are based on the number of families expected to be attending Ludlow Road as of April 2020.

Summary

The calculations below show that there would be sufficient capacity to offer suitable alternative provision to all children and young people who would be accessing Ludlow Road as of April 2020.

The amount of beds per night needed to meet the current and future potential need would be between 1 and 2 additional beds at 7 nights a week at Providence Road (agreed in July 2018) and between 1 and 2 additional beds at 5 nights a week at Osborne Court.

For the majority of families, travel distances would be reduced as alternative provision would be closer to both home and school.

Calculations

1. This section of the report considers the additional capacity that would be needed elsewhere if the proposal to cease the delivery of overnight short breaks at Ludlow Road is implemented.

2. The calculations below are based on two scenarios:

(1) the maximum number of children/young people who may access Providence Road as their alternative accommodation which following analysis of need is considered to be a suitable alternative and;

(2) the maximum number of children/young people who may access Osborne Court as their alternative which following analysis of need is considered to be a suitable alternative.

The two scenarios reflect the fact that for some families there is more than one suitable alternative which has been considered.

These calculations are based on those children and young people who would still be accessing Ludlow Road short breaks unit from April 2020 (the time when the additional capacity at Osborne Court is likely to be available). This means that young people who will have turned 18 before this date, or those who are currently accessing the unit but are in the process of transferring to alternative provision for other reasons, have not been included.

Additional capacity required scenario (1)

Unit	No. of CYP	Total no. nights per month (based on assessed need)
Providence Road	17	66
Osborne Court	4	15
Other overnight provision	0	0
Total	21	81

Additional capacity required scenario (2)

Unit	No. of CYP	Total no. nights per month (based on assessed need)
Providence Road	10	37
Osborne Court	9	37
Other overnight provision	2	7
Total	21	81

3. The table below shows the additional capacity needed at Providence Road in both scenarios, compared with the additional capacity available from the use of the additional two beds.

Providence Road capacity and options	No. of children and young people	Total no. nights per month (based on assessed need)
Providence Road capacity needed in Alternative Scenario 1	17	66*
Providence Road capacity needed in Alternative Scenario 2	10	37
Total capacity available (based on 2 extra beds, 7 days a week, in 31 day month)		62
Total capacity available (based on 2 extra beds, 7 days a week, in 28 day month)		56

4. From the above, it can be seen that up to 2 additional beds at 7 nights a week are required at Providence Road to meet potential need. *This figure indicates that there is a shortfall of 1 bed night per week in Alternative Scenario 1. However, there is a small amount of capacity in the existing provision at Providence Road that can meet this need.
5. The table below shows the additional capacity needed at Osborne Court in both scenarios, compared with the additional capacity available from the use of the additional two beds in the new unit for 5 nights a week only:

Osborne Court capacity and options	No. of CYP	Total no. nights per month (based on assessed need)
Osborne Court capacity needed in Alternative 1	4	15
Osborne Court capacity needed in Alternative 2	10	39
Additional capacity available (based on 2 extra beds, 5 nights a week, in 31 day month)		42
Additional capacity available (based on 2 extra beds, 5 nights a week, in 28 day month)		40

6. From the above it can be seen that between 1 and 2 additional beds at 5 nights a week meets the additional need at Osborne Court

Likely impact on travel distances of using suitable alternative respite provision

7. Consideration of the impact of a change of unit for families has included an analysis of the impact of this proposal on travel for children and families using Ludlow Road. Children travel from and to units from home and school via home to school transport or in family vehicles.

The likely impact on travel distance for 21 children and young people (20 families) is indicated below:

No of CYP	Impact
14	The alternative unit is closer to both home and school
2*	The alternative unit is closer to school but further from home
2	The alternative unit is closer to home but further from school
4*	The alternative unit is further from both home and school

*one family has been counted in both figures as there are two alternative unit options which have a different impact on travel distances

8. This information indicates that not all children and young people are currently accessing the unit that is closest to both their home and school.