

YP SA & FS Transition

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Background

- Strategic review of accommodation and support pathway for Care Leavers, Children in Care and Children in Need.
- An opportunity to improve the current accommodation offer for young people the authority had a statutory responsibility for.
- Key Aim – to work with District Councils to support vulnerable 16 and 17-year olds, to prevent young people coming into care and being placed in temporary accommodation.

Pilot Year

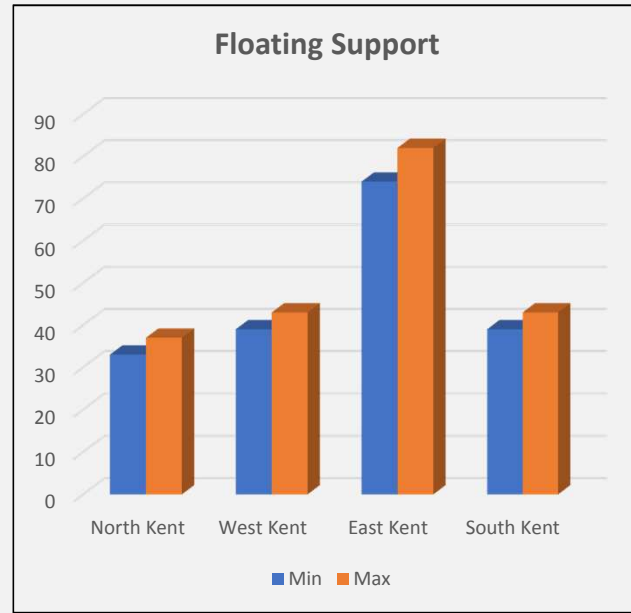
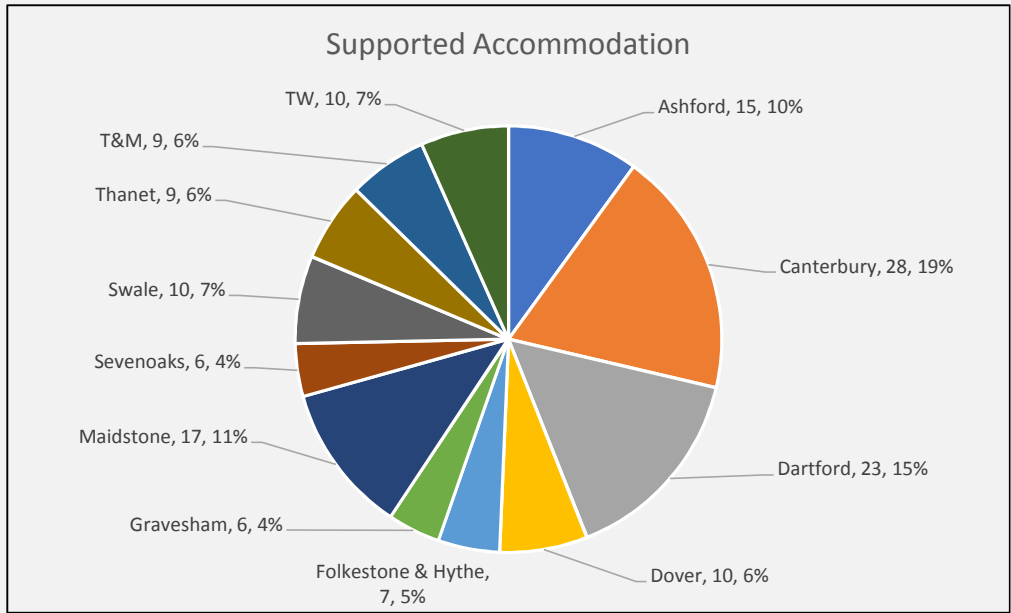
- Transition to the new service began in April 2017.
- Referral Panels established to remodel existing HRS services to prioritise statutory children and Children in Need.
- Ensured resources targeted at the most vulnerable Kent children and young people.
- Support the revised 16/17 Homelessness Protocol and improve joint working with District & Borough.

Implementation of Transition

- Began in October 2018-onwards.
- Identified those vulnerable young people aged 18 and over who needed continued support beyond 1st April 2019.
- Assumed responsibility for managing and delivering the existing YP HRS Services – contracts extended.
- Manage transition of vulnerable young people over to All Age Homeless service.

New Service Model

- Began from 1st April 2019 on a 4-year Framework Contract.
- Compliments other types of provision including in-house Foster Care and Supported Lodgings (SAiFE).
- Less reactive approach and to establish planned arrangements for placements.
- Ensured the range of the offer of accommodation and support is enhanced for those children and young people with complex needs.



220 units due to be delivered, average of 5 hours per week

District	SA
Ashford	15
Canterbury	28
Dartford	23
Dover	10
Folkestone & Hythe	7
Gravesham	6

Maidstone	17
Sevenoaks	6
Swale	10
Thanet	9
T&M	9
TW	10
Grand Total	150

Locality	FS
North Kent	33-37
West Kent	39-43
East Kent	74-82
South Kent	39-43
Grand Total	185-205

Additional units due

Supporting the Protocol

- 56 CIN Placements have accessed the YP SAFS from the 1st April 2019.
- CIN placed have either refused to come into Care or were refused a homeless duty by the LHA due to the complexities of their needs and risks.
- Referrals via an Adolescent Social Worker, post a Joint Housing Assessment with the LHA.
- At the point of admission (39%) received high level of support; (38%) medium level of support; and (23%) low level of support.