

Young People's Supported Accommodation and Floating Support Recommissioning Update KHOG Overview

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Current Contract Arrangement

Contract	Prime Provider	Date of Award	Date of Expiry
YPSAFS	Look Ahead YMCA Sanctuary	01 October 2018	30 September 2022

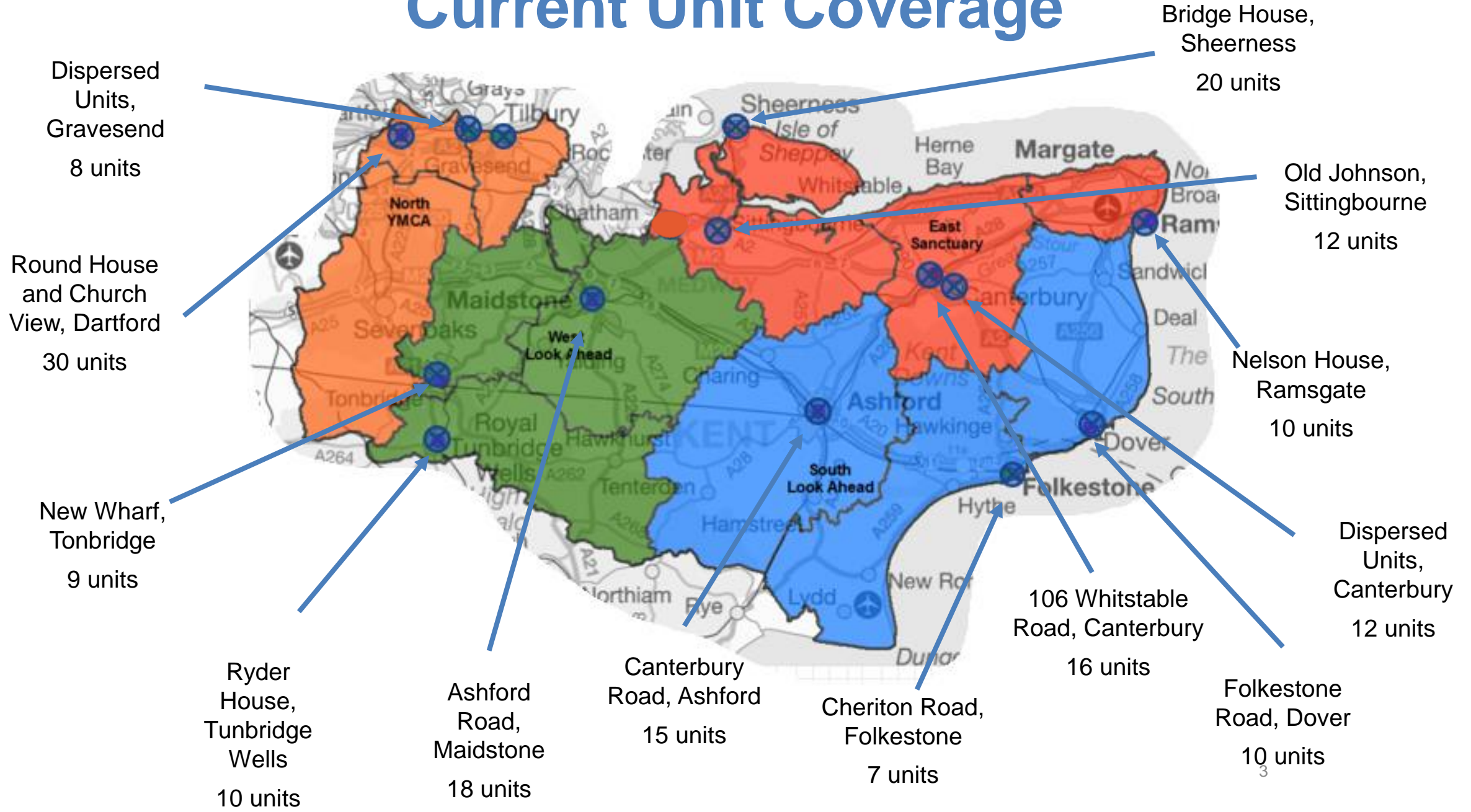
Service Overview

YPSAFS is delivered by three Prime Providers, Look Ahead, YCMA and Sanctuary. The Prime Providers are also able to subcontract to a number of providers on the framework.

The contract was split into four Lots based on Local Authority boundaries across Kent, and each Prime Provider was selected to manage the service, as detailed below:

Lot Number	Geographical Area with unit locations	Prime Provider
Lot 5	East Kent- Swale, Ramsgate, Canterbury	Sanctuary
Lot 6	South Kent- Dover, Folkestone, Ashford	Look Ahead
Lot 7	West Kent- Maidstone, Tonbridge, Tunbridge Wells	Look Ahead
Lot 8	North Kent- Dartford, Gravesend	YMCA

Current Unit Coverage



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The service is delivered in three ways:

Supported accommodation – provides support in a safe place to live where help is offered to aid people to independence and recovery from homelessness. Once people have gained the skills they need to live independently they are supported to move on to more permanent accommodation.

Floating Support – help delivered in the community to young adults who need support. The service also helps people to establish themselves successfully into a new tenancy.

Emergency beds – an emergency provision for young people to prevent Bed and Breakfast usage.

The annual contract value is **£ 2,880,406.88** (including rental funding for children in care)

Current Position

The YPSAFS contract was due to expire on 30 September 2022. A Direct Award means the contract now ends on **31 March 2023**. The contract still requires recommissioning to accommodate KCC children and young people from the age of 16 to meet KCC's Sufficiency Strategy 2022-2027 requirements.

In December 2021, Ofsted announced that all accommodation for 16/17-year-old children would need to be **regulated** in a previously unregulated market which has significantly impacted the proposed direction of travel. The announcement derailed a years-worth of commissioning activity. As of July 2022, Ofsted have yet to publish the final details on the new regulation. It is anticipated that **the requirements will not be published by Ofsted until late December 2022**.

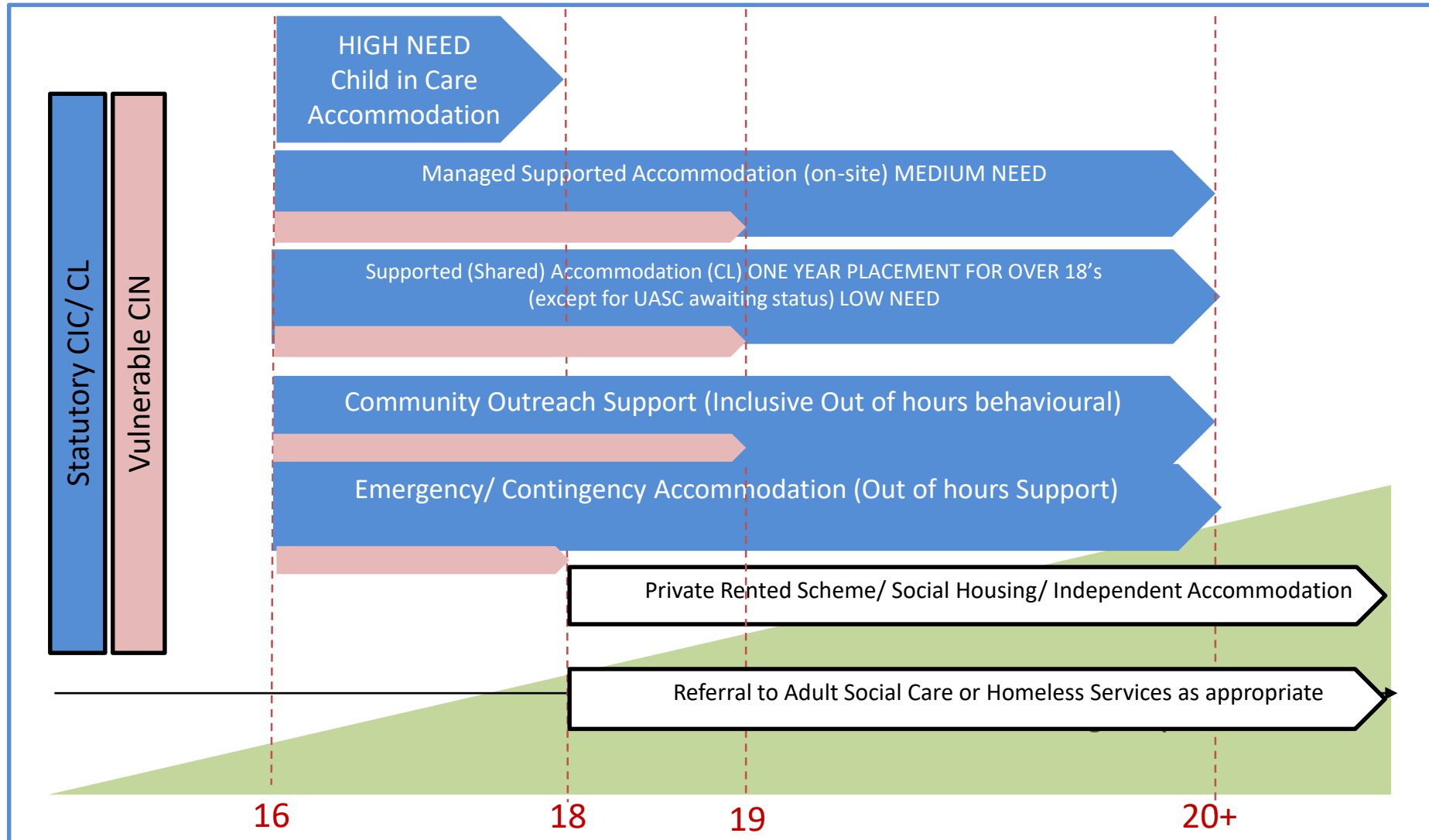
Despite the uncertainty of the new regulations, Strategic Commissioning have developed a revised structured Pathway to Independence progressing through services until the young person is ready to move on. This includes a new Community Outreach Support Service, that we anticipate will ensure compliance with the new regulations. The contracts will **provide accommodation and support to all statutory cohorts and children who are at risk of becoming homeless (16/17-year-olds)**.

Due to the implications of Ofsted we have requested **another year of direct award** to allow time for a full and proper re-procurement exercise. **Decision pending by cabinet.**

Future Plans

- To align and jointly commission unregulated (will be regulated) accommodation services by having five accommodation categories (on next slide) that offer varying levels of support across a range of accommodation types that seamlessly allow transition into independent living.
- This model is to make accommodation and support provisions more accessible and equitable and give children in care, children in need and care leavers a choice of accommodation and support offers to discuss with their Social Worker/Personal Adviser.
- The acquisition of independent living skills, practitioners' identification of development to support learning of 'skills', working with our partners to source appropriate private rented/ independent accommodation and ensuring all children in need and care leavers are claiming Housing Benefit which is crucial to supporting this proposal.

The 'New' Pathway to Independent Living



Proposed Procurement Timeline

User Engagement (or Public Consultation)	1 October – 30 December 2022
Market Engagement	1 November 2022 onwards (if PC then would be included as above)
Finalisation of Service Specification	30 January 2023 (based on findings from PC)
Publication of Advert and ITT Documentation on the Kent Business Portal	1 May 2023
Award Report	21-25 August 2023
Decision sign Off	Tuesday 29 August 2023 ONLY
DMT (for info only)	September 2023
Publication of Decision to Award	Mid September 2023
Recommended Standstill Period	Mid-End September 2023
Contract Award	1 October 2023
Issue Contract documentation for signature	2 October 2023
Mobilisation	3 October 2023 (6 Months) for new providers
Service Contract Commencement Date	1 April 2024
If incumbent providers unsuccessful will need transition period to move them on to new providers – based on number of YP need	31 March 2025 (dual payment)