

Appendix 11 Analysis in relation to Consultation Proposal 2 – ceasing the delivery of provision at Ludlow Road, Kidderminster

Assessment of additional capacity requirements, based on the redesign proposal to cease provision at Ludlow Road.

1. This section of the report considers the additional capacity that would be needed elsewhere if the proposal to cease funding of delivery at Ludlow Road were 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 feedback and 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 feedback and 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.

Additional capacity required scenario (1)

Unit	No. of CYP	Total no. nights per month (based on assessed need)	Total no. week day nights per month	Total no. weekend nights per month
Providence road	13	57	35	22
Osborne Court	3	17	9	8
Other (non-unit based)	3	8	3	5
Total	19	82	47	35

Additional capacity required scenario (2)

Unit	No. of CYP	Total no. nights per month (based on assessed need)	Total no. week day nights per month	Total no. weekend nights per month
Providence road	8	32	19	13
Osborne Court	4	24	13	11
Other (non unit based)	7	26	15	11
Total	19	82	47	35

3. The additional capacity at Providence Road which would be available from the use of the additional two bedrooms/beds (proposal 3) is:

	Nights per month	Weekday nights (Mon – Thurs)	W'end nights (Fri – Sun)
Total capacity available (based on 2 extra beds in 31 day month)	62	38	24
Total capacity available (based on 2 extra beds in 28 day month)	56	32	24

- From the above it can be seen that between 1 and 2 additional beds are required at Providence Road to meet potential need but may not both be needed 7 nights a week.
- The additional capacity at Osborne Court which would be available from the use of one additional bedroom in the main unit or bungalow is:

	Nights per month	Weekday nights (Mon – Thurs)	W'end nights (Fri – Sun)
Total capacity available (based on 1 extra bed in 31 day month)	31	19	12
Total capacity available (based on 1 extra bed in 28 day month)	28	16	12

- From the above it can be seen that 1 additional bed is required at Osborne Court to meet potential need but also may not be needed 7 nights a week.

Likely impact on travel distances of using suitable alternative respite provision

- 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 16 families is indicated below:

No of CYP	Impact
11	The distance from unit to both home and school is reduced
3	The distance to school is reduced but the distance to home is increased
2	The distance from unit to both school and home is increased

- This information indicates that not all children and young people are currently accessing the unit that can meet their needs and that is closest to both their home and school.
- This indicates that a review of the current referral and identification of suitable provision process to further take into account where possible children accessing respite nearer to home and school may benefit both parent carers and children and young people.

10. It has not been possible to assess the likely impact of travel distance for 3 children currently accessing Ludlow Road, with any certainty, due to the options that are available and the ongoing assessment of the families' needs.
11. It should also be noted that the Worcestershire Health and Care NHS Trust has applied to register the unit at Ludlow Road as a Children's home. The timetable for registration indicates that this should be complete by the autumn, depending on requirements for registration. The impact of this on the future operating model of the unit and its maximum capacity are not yet known.