



**COMMISSIONING  
INTENTIONS  
2023-5**

**Children and  
Young People**

*“Milton Keynes Children’s Services is committed to providing good quality local accommodation to all our looked after children and young people with care experience. When children can no longer live at home or with family, our aim is to provide the best quality care in Milton Keynes, or as close to Milton Keynes as possible, staying connected to their families, communities, school, and friends.”*

**MKCC Children’s Services Sufficiency Strategy: Getting it right first time (2022-25)**

# Children and Young People's Commissioning Priorities 2023-5

## Priority 1

- Offer a voice (advocate) for all children in care

- ✓ Improve the quality and quantity of the newly commissioned Advocacy Service 'Children's Voice'

## Priority 2

- Ensure there's a wide range of good quality, local accommodation available

- ✓ New block commission for young people 16+ with high to low needs. To help embrace the growing number of care leavers and UASC
- ✓ Explore cost effective inhouse options for 2-4 small residential children's homes within MK
- ✓ Commission an emergency bed provision to prevent children being placed in unregulated placements
- ✓ Commission Housing Related Support for Young Parents (Springfield House)

## Priority 3

- ✓ Evidence based model to prepare young people for Independent Living

- ✓ Provide support for young people so they can develop the skills they need to live independently and find employment.
- ✓ Help create resilience for children leaving care

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## Priority 4

- Enhance and expand floating support to meet the needs of children and families

- ✓ Expand both the existing standard and specialist-skilled Floating Support Provision – to aid intervention (to help prevent a child coming into care) and provide support during and after leaving care to promote resilience

## Priority 5

- Maximise Regional Partnership to ensure consistency

- ✓ Provide consistent, good quality provision at a competitive rate that offers value for money
- ✓ Continue to work across Regional Partnership for Residential and Educational Services for Children and Young People with Complex Needs

## Priority 6

- ✓ Access to Placement Framework to seek out specialised provisions for children in care

- ✓ Work in partnership with newer members of South Central Frameworks for IFA & Residential Home Placements Framework. This will enable us to offer a wide range of good quality providers within the framework

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## Priority 7

- Access to grants to support small projects in the community to improve quality of life and outcomes for children

- ✓ Offer Grand Mentors (Grants) to voluntary organisations to enhance community activities such as volunteer schemes, play activities etc

## Priority 8

- Support children and families to access a wide range of languages to be able to communicate to social care teams

- ✓ Continue monitoring newly commissioned Language Services, to ensure that quality meets the needs of children and young people and their families

## Priority 9

- A good quality Home Tuition is offered to young people who are unable to be taught at school

- ✓ Ensure the newly commissioned Home Tuition service meet the needs of SEND population

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## Priority 10

- Ensure community Short Breaks is available to children and their families/carers

- ✓ Recommission Community Short Breaks which offers a wide range of activities to meet the needs of children and young people who have an Education Health Care Plan

## Priority 11

- Ensure homecare meets the needs of MK's children with disabilities and their families

- ✓ Homecare Dynamic Purchasing System (DPS) - YPO Framework Agreement with adam

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