

Residential Market Position Statement for Greater Manchester

Summer 2019

Key Messages for providers operating in Greater Manchester

1. Greater Manchester wants to place more children who need residential settings in their local area
2. There are enough beds in Greater Manchester for all the children who are in residential settings to live in the region, but often they are full with children placed from elsewhere.
3. Greater Manchester authorities will be formally asking providers with homes in Greater Manchester listed on the NW FPS to work much more closely with them to match and place children in a pilot programme.
4. Children with more complex needs are much less likely to be placed in Greater Manchester so we are keen to work with local providers who can meet the needs of more complex young people.

How Greater Manchester buys services

Greater Manchester buys services from the North West Flexible Purchasing System (FPS). If a placement can not be found on the FPS, authorities will search more widely.

Key facts and figures

The number of children placed in residential children's homes by Greater Manchester local authorities:

| | 2011 | 2012 | 2013 | 2014 | 2015 | 2016 | 2017 | 2018 |
|-------------------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|
| Bolton | 33 | 28 | 33 | 47 | 46 | 50 | 52 | 57 |
| Bury | 20 | 20 | 20 | 19 | 25 | 35 | 42 | 40 |
| Manchester | 205 | 175 | 165 | 142 | 100 | 100 | 59 | 111 |
| Oldham | 40 | 45 | 38 | 53 | 36 | 30 | 42 | 43 |
| Rochdale | 25 | 33 | 48 | 41 | 39 | 35 | 33 | 43 |
| Salford | 95 | 83 | 80 | 72 | 67 | 55 | 63 | 74 |
| Stockport | 48 | 38 | 38 | 54 | 40 | 25 | 35 | 46 |
| Tameside | 38 | 38 | 43 | 62 | 65 | 55 | 82 | 104 |
| Trafford | 30 | 23 | 25 | 23 | 25 | 35 | 38 | 41 |
| Wigan | 73 | 68 | 58 | 43 | 50 | 30 | 28 | 40 |
| GM | 607 | 551 | 548 | 556 | 493 | 450 | 474 | 599 |

The number of children's homes in Greater Manchester

| | Homes | Beds |
|-------------------|-------|------|
| Bolton | 21 | 83 |
| Bury | 9 | 29 |
| Manchester | 20 | 77 |
| Oldham | 19 | 78 |
| Rochdale | 39 | 90 |
| Salford | 13 | 57 |
| Stockport | 32 | 136 |
| Tameside | 19 | 87 |
| Trafford | 4 | 18 |
| Wigan | 25 | 83 |
| GM | 201 | 738 |

The types of residential services needed

Greater Manchester authorities recognise that there is insufficient analysis on the needs of its look after population to help residential providers plan strategically. This is an area of development for authorities.

There are however three broad types of residential service which LAs can identify as being needed:

1. Residential placements for less complex young people which can flex their delivery. These are lower cost services, which can meet the needs of young people with less complex needs in larger homes. They will have the ability to bring in additional services to meet some specialise needs, but these are not built into the cost.
2. Specialist Provision: Homes with clinically recognised specialist interventions which work with more complex young people
3. Emergency Placements: This is accommodation which can offer short term / time limited high intensity placements to meet the needs of more complex young people while a permanent home can be found.

Services for young people with more complex needs

Local Authorities often report challenges in finding placements for young people with complex needs, particularly those who do not meet the criteria for Tier 4 provision. These young people are more often placed outside Greater Manchester through a lack of provision than would be wanted. Their needs often include:

- Violence, violence towards staff
- Missing from home
- Multiple placement breakdown
- At risk of sexual exploitation, or other forms of criminal exploitation
- Unmet mental health needs
- Self-harm

Opportunities to work differently with a devolved health service in Greater Manchester

Devolution has given Greater Manchester much greater control of how it delivers health services to young people and has implemented Greater Manchester Children & Young People Health & Wellbeing Framework 2018-2022. This includes 10 priorities, of which investing in mental health and resilience for children and young people has been incorporated into the first delivery wave. You can find out more here:

<https://www.gmhsc.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2018/05/Childrens-Health-and-Wellbeing-Framework-6a-11.05.18.pdf>

This focus and the identified demand for more resilient residential services to support more young people, more effectively in Greater Manchester creates an important opportunity for the local authorities, providers, schools and the health economy to work in new partnerships to deliver better services for young people

Getting in Touch

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