

The proposal

In February 2017, the council agreed to develop a registered children's home in the borough. A sum of £2.5 million was allocated in the capital programme. Unfortunately, at that time, we were unable to develop the home due to the challenges of finding a suitably large, but secluded domestic property, and the Covid pandemic.

In September 2021, it was agreed to review the need for a children's home in Kingston, as considerable time had passed since the original business case was agreed in 2017. This review confirmed the home was still needed. An updated business case was drafted in April 2022, based on the potential to develop a new children's home at a council-owned site at 17-19 Chamberlain Way, Surbiton.

The total estimated development cost for building and setting up the home is £2,737,000. In January 2023, the council was successful in its bid to the Department for Education (DfE) for match funding for the project and was awarded £1,368,000.

Subject to planning permission, it is hoped that the new home will open towards the end of 2025. It would be operated by Achieving for Children who deliver children's services on behalf of the council.



This image is of Hope House, Children's Home, Richmond upon Thames

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