

Residents of the home

Age range

The expected age range is 13 to 18 years. The average length of stay in the home would be about two years, but it could be longer.

Gender and number of children

The home will take children of any gender. We will restrict the home to a maximum of three children as we need to match the different needs of the different children.

Children from other boroughs

It is anticipated that all the young people living in the children's home would be from the Royal Borough of Kingston or the London Borough of Richmond.

Backgrounds of the children

The backgrounds of the children and young people could be as diverse as in other areas of society in modern Britain. A common factor will be that experiences within their birth family had combined to make growing up there untenable, and they would have been taken into the care of their local authority (Kingston or Richmond Council).

Children who could move into this home in 2025 could currently be in residential care outside the borough, in the care of a foster family, or indeed still be with their borough birth family.

Criminal records

The home will support children with emotional and behavioural difficulties and will not act as a secure facility for children and young people in the criminal justice system. Based on past and existing cohorts of Kingston children living in this type of home, it is highly unlikely any of the children would have criminal records

Schooling

With regard to access to local school places, it is important to keep the number of children involved in context - the proposal is a home for three young people of secondary school or sixth form age. This small number of children would not have a material impact on the availability of local school or college places for the wider community.

Whilst most of the children would attend schools or colleges, it is possible that the older ones would pursue a more vocational pathway, for example an apprenticeship, once they had passed statutory school leaving age.



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