



The Harbour
People and Health
Overview Committee
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CHILDREN YOUNG PEOPLE AND FAMILIES PLAN 2020-2023





OUR AIM

To keep our children close to home and to be the best corporate parents that we can be

Where we can, we want to support families to stay together, but where children and young people do need care, we want to make sure this is in family-based care where possible

We want to make sure that we have the right educational and housing options for our children in care and care leavers, and that we improve their health and wellbeing

We want to make sure that there are a range of short breaks available to support families with children with SEND to be able to continue to care for their children



Strategic Change

Major change in strategic direction for Children's Services – legacy of increased numbers of young people entering care in their teenage years, with too many placed away from their families, schools, communities and Dorset.

Returning to the direct provision of children's homes by Dorset Council.

Development of a systemic approach to working with young people on the edge of care, in care and leaving care.

The Harbour is a whole system service for our more complex and troubled young people.



The Harbour Approach

Safely reduce the need for young people to enter care

Fundamentally change the pattern of repeated disruptions for those who we struggle to engage with and place

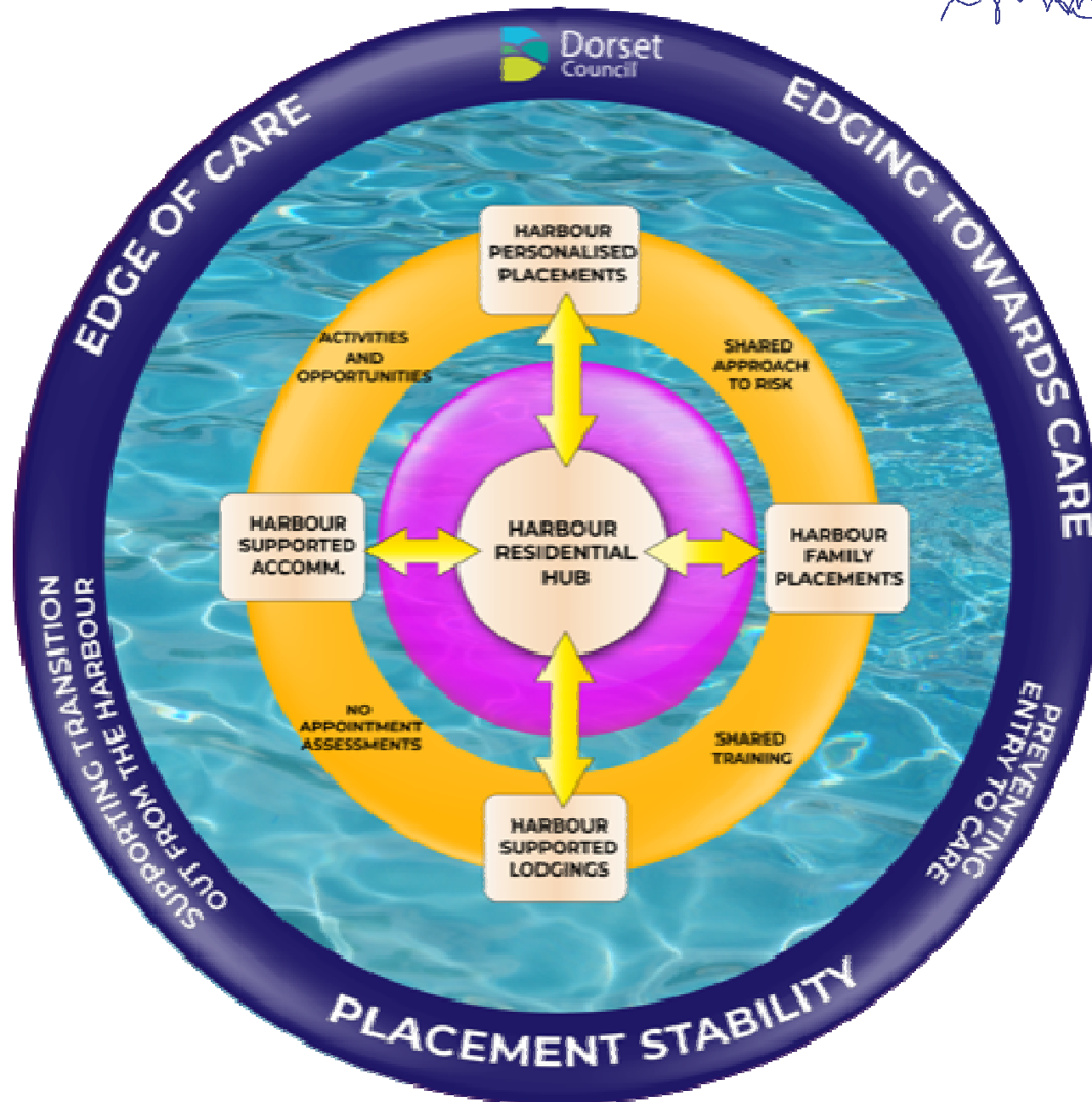
Provide young people with the stability, skills and support to successfully manage all transitions to adulthood

Reduce the number of assessments

Reduce the need for referrals to and hand off's between services

Develop trusting and lasting relationships that can be maintained throughout a young person's journey

The Harbour





Why North Yorkshire ?

NWD 5 years in: the evidence

From young people and professionals:

"Knowing that the staff will be there after I have turned 18 makes a big difference and I know they will be because I have seen it happen with others."
Young person

"I have to admit that initially being embedded in the home felt out of my comfort zone and made me a little uneasy, but actually has proven to be the most effective way to reach these vulnerable young people."
Life coach/clinical psychologist

"Leaders and managers are passionate, inspirational and committed to ensuring the success of the children and young people in their care. This is reflected throughout the staff team, and staff are very supportive of each other and consistent in their practice. They show great pride in the work they do with the children and young people, and model this in practice."
Ofsted

Find out more:

[NWD Evaluation](#)

[Guardian article](#)

At the end of Year Four



80% of young people are in education, employment or training.



Time in residential care: young people in No Wrong Door spend 45% less time in a residential placement compared to before NWD was implemented



70% of YP were in a family setting when they closed to NWD





The Harbour – Core offer – making it happen

Reduce high risk behaviour

Build and restore relationships to strengthen placement stability

Plan for transitions

Promote achievement in education, training and work readiness

Strengthen self-esteem and resilience

Deliver the right and well organised support for young people in crisis



The Harbour – Shared Culture and Values

Building trusted relationships

Restorative approaches

Whole team approach to training

Strengths based and needs led interventions.

Working collaboratively – integrated approach

Strong links with partners and communities to effect positive change



The Harbour – Impact

Reduce vulnerabilities - missing episodes, arrests, charges, A&E attendance, drug use, alcohol use – effective multi-agency risk assessments, intelligence led

Strong work with birth family, family group conferences, longer life links, whole team approach to support placement stability including Harbour Community foster carers, children living in families, in their communities

Stickability of worker, supported transitions to independence, range of accommodation options, increase in number of young people over 18yrs staying close and in contact

Embedded roles supporting better education and achievement outcomes, engagement with local business and communities to increase opportunities.

Diverse range of activities and opportunities, raising levels of engagement, celebrating formal and self defined success, increased sense of self-worth

Responsive flexible team, range of accommodation options, specialist roles, reduction in crisis presentations to all services



In the many and varied roles that you have as an elected member, how do you think you can contribute to the success of the Harbour?