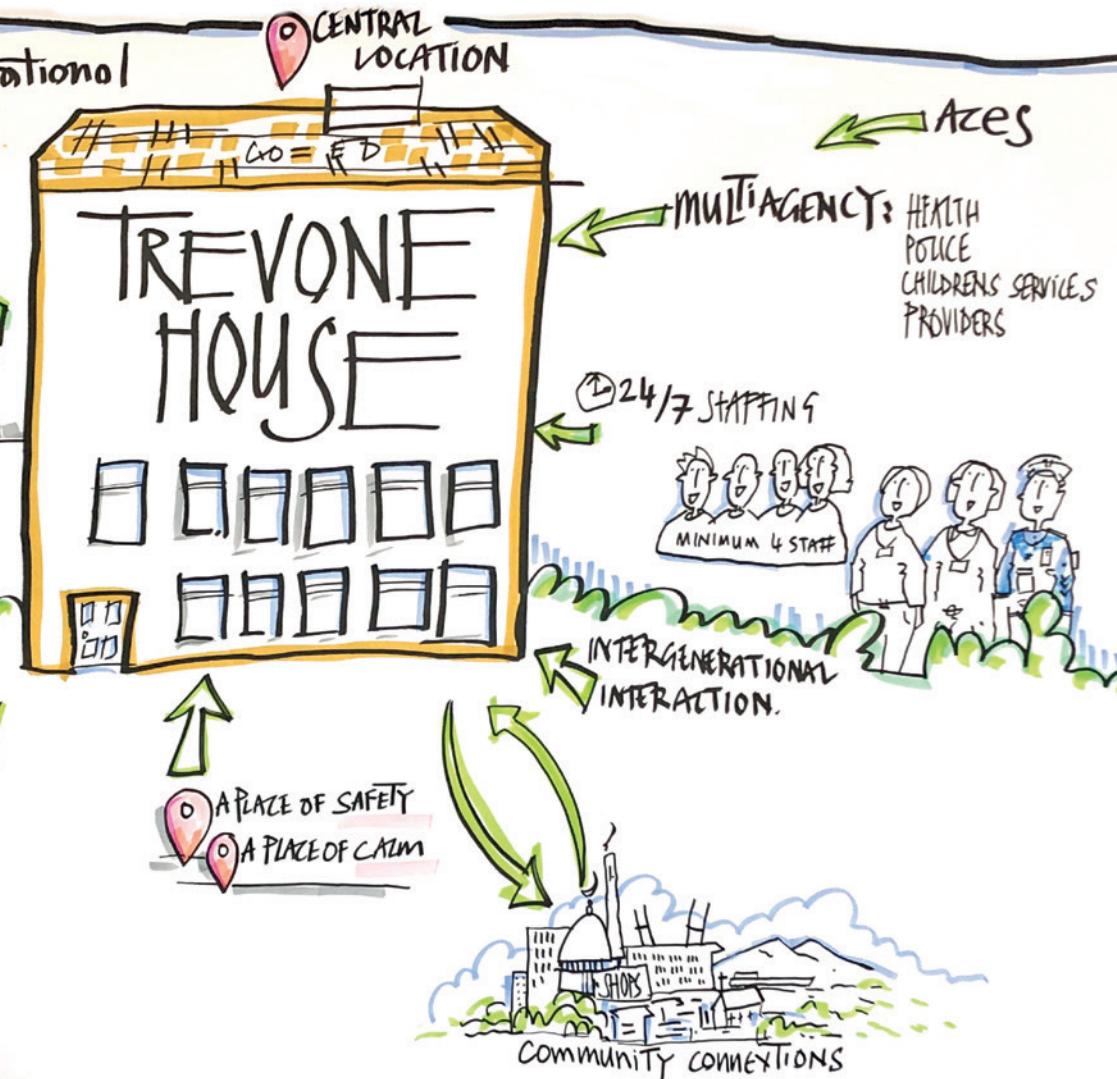


Trevone House

Semi Independent Accommodation and Support Services
Information Booklet



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Why was Trevone House selected?

In 2018, Gloucestershire County Council undertook a review of Older Peoples services. As part of this review, a number of buildings were identified as now surplus to council requirements. **This decision was approved by Cabinet in July 2018.**

<http://gloertext.goucestershire.gov.uk/ieDecisionDetails.aspx?ID=1149>

The Cabinet decision that Trevone House was surplus to Older People's services' requirements led to the availability of the property. Following a feasibility study in March 2019, Trevone house was the only property that would accommodate all the key elements required to provide quality semi-independent accommodation and support for vulnerable young people in County, which was required to discharge the Council's statutory responsibilities. Further, Trevone was also the only property with the infrastructure to provide a Day service which is a key aspect of the proposed service offer.

The Cabinet decision regarding Trevone House can be read here:

<http://gloertext.goucestershire.gov.uk/ieDecisionDetails.aspx?ID=1268>

The Council's Paper on Trevone House can be read here:

<http://gloertext.goucestershire.gov.uk/documents/s51904/Item%2011%20-%20Gloucestershires%20Sufficeny%20Strategy%20-%20Semi-Independent%20Project.pdf>

The decision that Trevone House was surplus to older people's services' requirements led to the availability of Trevone House. Once this decision was taken, Trevone House was linked to a different project within Gloucestershire County Council. Trevone House was the only property that would accommodate all the elements required for this young people's project.



Why a project for Young People?

In January 2019 Gloucestershire County Council approved the implementation of a new Sufficiency Strategy - "Right Placement First Time" which sets out our ambition and commitment to sourcing placements for more children and young people in Care/Care Leavers that are in county and have the right support they need.

The Strategy requires implementation of the following key priorities for Gloucestershire's Children Services:

- i) Provide quality provision for young people in county
- ii) Provide services that support young people throughout their pathway to independence
- iii) Reduce the number of high cost semi-independent placements
- iv) Improve the Council's ability to place the most vulnerable young people in placements that comply with regulatory requirements

The project is also required to:

- i) Provide a multi-agency support in County for vulnerable young people
- ii) Prevent where appropriate young people coming into care
- iii) Support young people stepping down from Tier 4 health beds, thereby improving stability and educational and employment prospects
- iv) Reduce current spend through planned, outcomes led provision

Within the Sufficiency Strategy Gloucestershire County Council is committed to developing a platform of accommodation for young people in care/ care leavers

Page 5 (right) shows a proposed diagram of a platform of accommodation options for Trevone House :

To read more on the Sufficiency Strategy, please follow the link below:

<https://www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/media/2089860/2019-05-28-final-sufficiency-strategy.pdf>

Why is keeping our vulnerable children in County, important?

Supporting our children within the County will enable young people to be closer to their family support networks and access services more easily. Ofsted recommendations point towards managing our young people within the community on the basis that this will lead to better outcomes (publication via the following link):

https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/419070/From_a_distance_Looked_after_children_living_away_from_their_home_area.pdf

Platform of accommodation options

We aim to develop a complete platform of accommodation options for care leavers and young people in vulnerable circumstances, this is just a visual picture as to what the platform would offer, it is not exclusive and will develop throughout the lifetime of this strategy.

| Accommodation/support | Activity |
|---|--|
| Supporting People: Accommodation Based Support services | Accommodation Based Support A variety of supported housing schemes of multiple occupation, with staff on site to support people aged 16+ with complex, multiple and high level needs to prepare for independent living. |
| Supporting People: Community Based Support services | Community Based Support: Community Based Support Services support people in any form of accommodation and across a continuum of need from early intervention and prevention through to intensive support for people in crisis/high level and complex need. |
| Staying Put | For young people settled in foster placements to stay with their foster families post their 18th birthday |
| Staying Close | For young people settled in a residential placement, to be supported by the residential provider to live in Semi-Independent Accommodation close to the residential home. |
| Floating Support | Outreach support where young people have a tenancy, but need additional support as part of their transition |
| Semi-Independent Accommodation | This can be a shared house or solo accommodation where staff are on duty 24/7 |
| Shared Housing | Young people live in a shared house or house of multiple occupancy with limited staff support. |
| Private Rented | Young people may choose to rent from a private landlord. |
| Training Flats | Usually a block of single flats, with 24 hour staff support, these are used for young people to develop their independence skills as a pathway to their own tenancy. |
| Supported Lodgings | This is a room within a family home, for young people to stay with some support from the family to develop their independence skills (not a foster placement) |

20+ YEARS
LEARNING OR
EMOTIONAL
NEEDS.

COOKING
Staying Close



What will be within the Project?

Trevone House will offer the following accommodation:

- 4 x 2 bed flats
- 13 x 1 bed studios/flats

Up to 21 young people will have their own accommodation at Trevone House. The young people will be aged 16 and over, with their own self-contained facilities. The accommodation will be designed to offer dignity, privacy and safety to the resident young people. The accommodation will be registered with the appropriate authorities, and will offer a range of accommodation facilities appropriate to the assessed needs of the resident young people, most of whom will have low to medium levels of need.

There are limits placed on the number of young people who can be housed within the accommodation and limits on the amount of young people with higher level needs that can be housed there. All of the young people who live in Trevone House as residents will have a planned move into the accommodation.

Day Service

A separate and dedicated service will be based at Trevone House working with young people therapeutically, and this will be staffed by qualified professional teams. This service is a daytime service only.

Place of Safety/Place of Calm

Sometimes, young people need a safe place to stay when their needs are more intense. Trevone House will offer this place of safety, and will be accessed by accompanied young people whose needs have been assessed appropriately. The Health accommodation will be managed as a separate area to the other services and accommodation in Trevone House.

The service will support young people to integrate back into the community following a hospital admission. This will reduce the time spent in hospital, reducing the need to take up space in general wards and can provide a place of calm when in crisis.





Staffing

Trevone House will be managed by a contracted service provider with a 'Good' or 'Outstanding' Ofsted record. The accommodation will be staffed round the clock, and in line with the assessed needs of the resident young people. The teams working at the accommodation will focus on maintaining a safe, secure and good quality environment for all residents, and neighbours.

The services offered in Trevone House will be staffed by a minimum of four workers at any one time.



Joint working with the 2gether Trust and Police

Trevone House is a multi-agency partnership, and will be a hub of many professionals and stakeholders working together to achieve the best outcomes for its residents and other young people accessing its services.

Some services provided at Trevone House will be joint ventures between the Police, and Health, as well as Children's Services.

How will we procure the new provider?

We will be going through a competitive tender process to appoint a Good/Outstanding provider and we would ensure that any provider selected has a robust track record of delivering this type of provision, demonstrating that it understands community engagement and review of their staff recruitment/training to ensure the highest possible levels of quality provision.





How will Young People be referred to the Project?

The aim of the project plan for Trevone House is that young people will be moved in on a planned basis. To decide this, there will be a multi-agency panel, including Children Services, Police, 2gether Trust, the Virtual Schools and the selected service provider. They will all review both the referrals to the project and the progress young people are making within the project to ensure that the service provided is having the right impact and achieving progress.

The day services will also be by referral only, and a clear plan will be in place before young people can access the provision. This whole project is set up to ensure our young people can achieve their best outcomes, so it is very important we plan for how their needs will be met.

There will be 21 accommodation beds in total available, however only two beds at any one time will take an unplanned or emergency placement. One of these will be an emergency/

short stay bed for a young person to be placed for up to 28 days while a plan or permanent placement is found. The final bed is for young people who need a place of safety/place of calm. This is when a young person needs support to meet their emotional health needs, and where an assessment is required or to give them a short time just to stabilise so a support package can be put in place.

These two beds are located in separate parts of the building, each having their own access and staff teams.

What will be the age of young people placed at Trevone?

Whilst we anticipate that the majority of young people accommodated at Trevone House to be between the ages of 16-20, the Council also has a statutory duty under the Children Act 1989 to provide support services for Looked After and previously

Looked After young people as they exit the care system. This duty remains up to a maximum age of 25. This has since been strengthened by the introduction of Sufficiency Statutory Guidance (2010) and the Care Planning, Placement and Case Review Regulations 2010.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/children-act-1989-care-planning-placement-and-case-review>

How will security of the building be managed?

All the external points of the building will have CCTV, as will all commercial areas within the project, including stairwells. There will also be monitoring of all young people residing at Trevone as well as all visitors.

The entire building will have a sophisticated fob system which will only allow young people access to the key areas within the building that relate to their care. Therefore young people within the Health accommodation will not have access to the main accommodation areas.

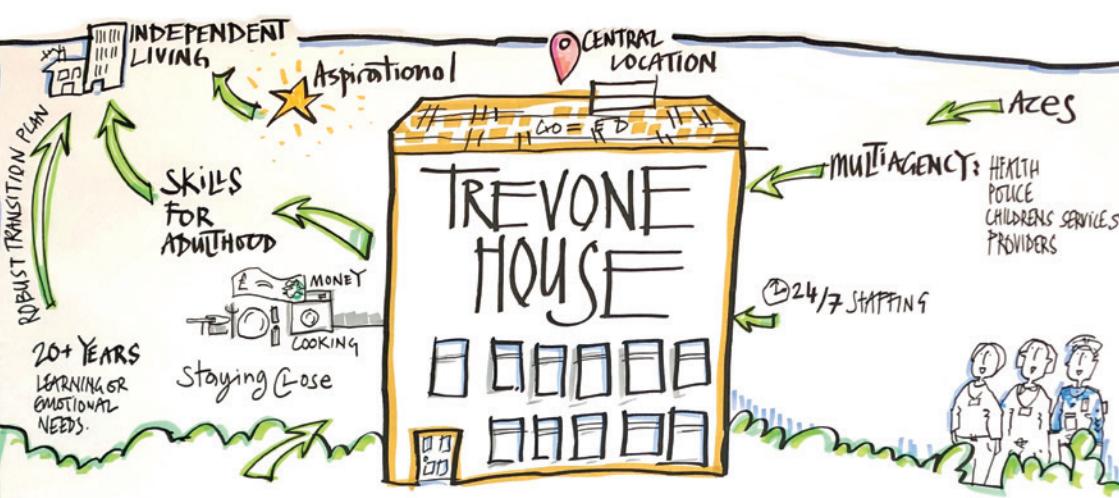
Young people will only be able to access other accommodation areas whilst accompanied by support and on a planned basis.

Likewise young people within the main accommodation area will only have access to the floor of their accommodation and the communal area. Reducing access to designated areas only will assist with the management of risks and promote the safety and wellbeing of all residents.

Parking

We would anticipate parking pressures to be reduced, with significantly less visitors attending the site compared to Trevone's previous use as an older people's residential home. We will also see reduced lorry deliveries on site as this will no longer be a catered establishment.

Staff and visitor parking (personal and professional) will be available on site.



What is planned for the Outside areas?

Trevone House is a planned resource within a community setting. It will offer a home and safe environment to young people at a time of need. The outside areas of Trevone House will enhance the services offered to ensure that the outcomes achieved are healthier, more social, safer and more therapeutic.

The outside areas will be landscaped to fit in with the local setting, and responding to locally identified priorities ensuring that the site is aesthetically in keeping with the local area. When the development work is progressing, we would like to work in collaboration with the community to design the landscaping of the front of the building.

What Is The Long Term Vision For Trevone House?

The aims for Trevone House is to support young people to:

- achieve greater outcomes
- to be able to hold a successful tenancy;
- to be able to live in a shared setting;
- to respect and be respected
- to experience safe therapeutic support when they need it

Because the approach is multi-agency and structured, the success of Trevone House and its young people will be reviewed regularly to ensure it continues to meet the needs of residents.

To find out more, please visit the Trevone House website:

<https://www.goucestershire.gov.uk/health-and-social-care/children-young-people-and-families/sufficiency-strategy-2018-2021/transforming-trevone-house/>

Further Public Engagement Event: 20th Aug 2019