

Prevention of Youth Homelessness and accommodation and support for 16 – 21 year olds



**Nottinghamshire
County Council**

Prevention of youth homelessness plan

- Prevention of Youth Homelessness Plan 2016-2020
- There are three key areas this plan seeks to address, these are:
 - To prevent young people from becoming homeless
 - To operate a successful support and accommodation pathway
 - To advocate for the needs of vulnerable young people for longer term housing options

To Prevent young people from becoming homelessness

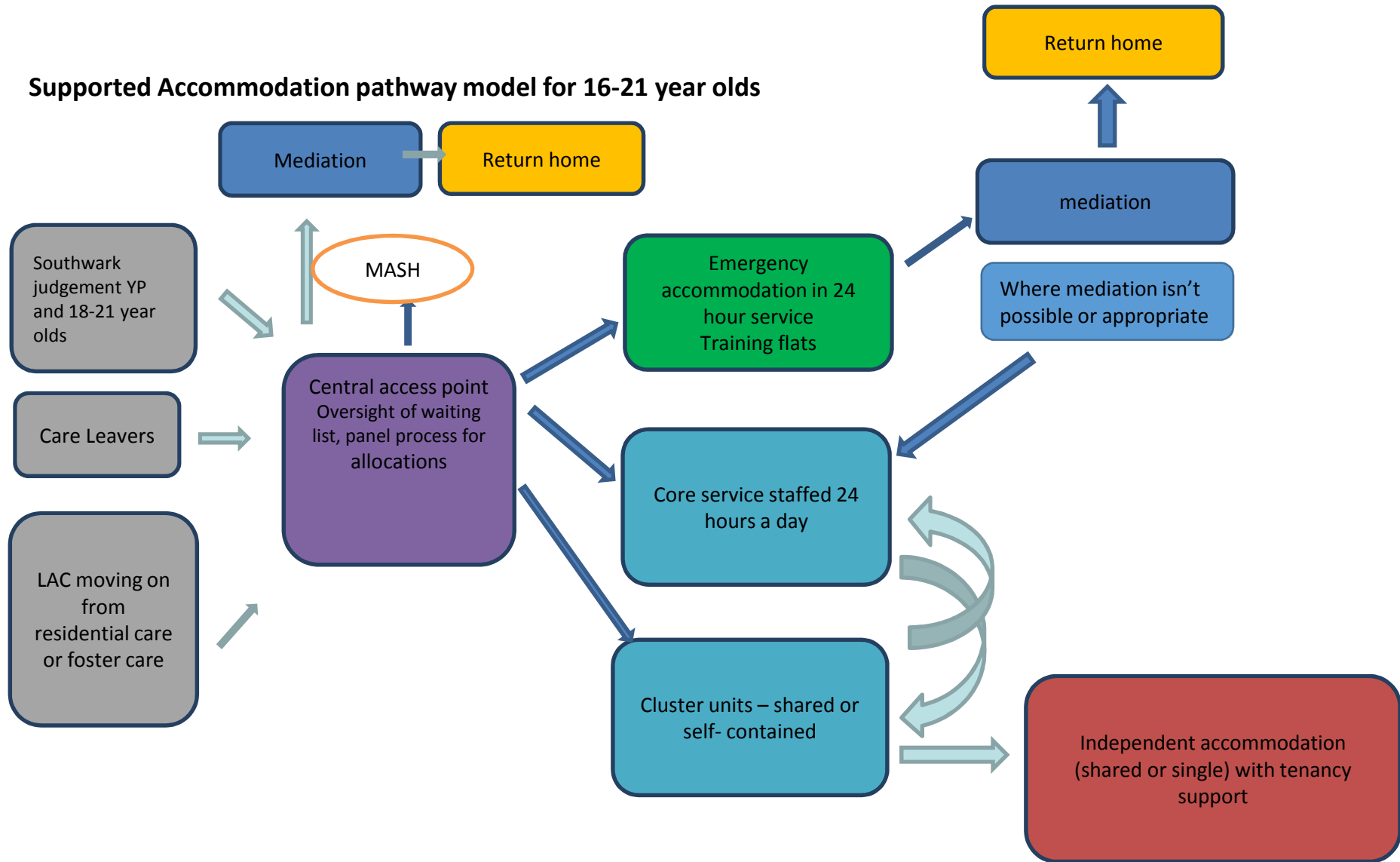
- Risk factors in a young person's life which increase likelihood of homelessness
- Family service provide holistic support and interventions to address risk factors
- Role of Rapid Assessment Worker
- Key Challenges
 - Disadvantages across labour and housing market and welfare system
 - Lack of info and advice – young people don't know how to access help

To operate a successful support and accommodation pathway

- 230 units
- Core/Cluster accommodation
- Emergency accommodation
- Services are reflective of the level of need of the individual. Outcome focussed commissioning
- Eligible for 16-21 year olds
- 3 locality based services
 - Transitions South – Framework
 - Transitions North – Framework
 - Branching Out – NCHA in partnership with New Roots



Supported Accommodation pathway model for 16-21 year olds



Mansfield

Core Service

- Fritchley Court – 22 units providing 24 hour staff cover

- 2 emergency beds

Cluster Service

- 28 units (self-contained or shared accommodation) with visiting support

Total units – 52

Ashfield

Core Service

- Outram Street – 16 units providing 24 hour staff cover
- 1 emergency bed

Cluster Service

- 25 units (self-contained or shared accommodation) with visiting support

Total units - 42

South of the County

Core Service

- 12 units West Bridgford
- 2 emergency beds

Cluster Service

- 39 cluster units (self contained or shared accommodation) with visiting support

Total units - 53

Bassetlaw

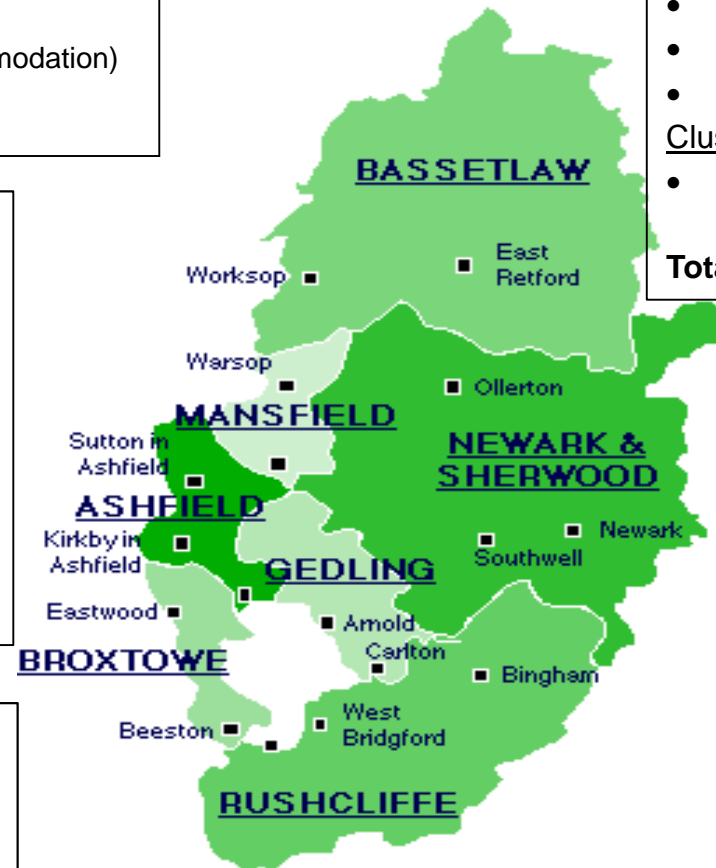
Core Service – provides 24 hour staff cover

- Cobwell Road - 9 units
- 1 Emergency bed at Cobwell Road
- Marcus House 7 units
- Wright Wilson St – 2 units
- Self contained units - 3

Cluster

- 30 units (self-contained or shared accommodation) with visiting support

Total units - 52



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Core Service – provides 24 hour staff cover

- Kings Rd – 8 units
- 1 emergency bed at Kings Rd

Cluster Service

- 15 units (self-contained or shared accommodation) with visiting support

Total units - 31



Challenges

- Insufficient funds to support all 16-21 year olds in housing need
- Complexity of support needs
- Violence and aggression
- Placement churn
- Increasing numbers of UASCs
- Managing expectations
- Growth in LAC population



Advocating for the needs of vulnerable young people for longer term housing options

Key challenges

- Lack of affordable housing options
- Local connection
- Welfare reform