

Cura Care Homes: Community Interest Statement

Our Vision: A future where every child and young person, regardless of their history, has access to the nurturing and supportive environment they need to reach their full potential. We envision becoming a recognised leader in crisis intervention and therapeutic care, transforming the landscape of placement support for vulnerable children and young people. Cura Care Homes specialises in providing immediate and comprehensive crisis placements for children and young people experiencing placement breakdowns. Our expertise in managing complex referrals, particularly those deemed hard-to-place by local authorities, is a key unique selling proposition (USP), offering a vital solution during critical times.

Our Mission: To provide a safe, stable, and therapeutic haven for children and young people facing placement challenges, empowering them to heal, grow, and thrive through a trauma-informed, integrated pathway that prioritises their well-being and future success.

Our Community Interest: Cura Care Homes recognises the crucial role we play within the community. Our primary interest lies in improving the lives of vulnerable children and contributing positively to society. We achieve this by:

1. **Providing a Safe and Stable Home:** We offer a structured and supportive living environment where children feel safe, respected, and valued. This includes:
 - Meeting Basic Needs: Providing nutritious meals, comfortable accommodation, and appropriate clothing.
 - Emotional Support: Offering therapeutic interventions, counselling services, and consistent emotional support from trained staff.
 - Promoting Positive Relationships: We are committed to fostering healthy, respectful, and therapeutic relationships between children and our staff, underpinned by principles of attachment and trauma-informed care. This is actively promoted through consistent, nurturing interactions, staff training in relational therapeutic approaches, and regular supervision. We also actively encourage and facilitate appropriate and safe connections with family members, recognising their vital role in a child's life where it is in their best interests.
2. **Fostering Educational Attainment and Skill Development:** We prioritise education and believe it is fundamental to a child's future success. We will:
 - Advocate for Educational Excellence: Working closely with schools to ensure each child receives the appropriate educational support, including individualised learning plans and access to specialised resources.
 - Promoting Life Skills: Equipping children with essential life skills such as cooking, budgeting, and household management.
 - Encouraging Vocational Training and Further Education: Supporting young people in exploring career pathways, pursuing apprenticeships, or accessing higher education opportunities.
3. **Enriching Lives through Leisure and Cultural Activities:** We believe that participation in leisure activities is vital for a child's development and well-being. We will:
 - Facilitating Access to Community Resources: Connecting children and young people with local sports clubs, youth groups, art classes, and other extracurricular activities

tailored to their individual interests and abilities. We actively support their participation by assisting with membership processes, securing necessary passes, and providing dedicated transportation arrangements, ensuring equitable access to enriching community experiences.

- Celebrating Diversity: Offering opportunities to explore different cultures and religions, respecting individual beliefs and preferences.
 - Organising Trips and Outings: Providing enriching experiences such as visits to museums, theatres, and outdoor recreational areas.
4. **Collaborating with Key Stakeholders:** We understand the importance of working in partnership with other organisations to provide holistic care. We will:
- Building Strong Relationships with Local Authorities: Maintaining open communication and collaborating effectively with social workers and other professionals involved in the child's care.
 - Partnering with Families: Supporting family contact wherever possible and appropriate, recognising the vital role of family in a child's life.
 - Engaging with Community Organisations: Working with local charities, support groups, and other community resources to provide additional support and opportunities for the children.
5. **Continuous Improvement and Accountability:** We are committed to providing the highest standard of care. We will:
- Regularly Evaluating our Services: Conducting internal reviews and seeking feedback from children, staff, and stakeholders to identify areas for improvement.
 - Adhering to Ofsted Regulations: Maintaining full compliance with all relevant regulations and standards to ensure the safety and well-being of the children in our care.
 - Investing in Staff Training and Development: Providing ongoing training and professional development opportunities for our staff to enhance their skills and knowledge.

Cura Care Homes is dedicated to making a positive difference in the lives of vulnerable children. We are committed to creating a nurturing and supportive community where children can thrive and reach their full potential.