

APPENDIX 1

Pilot Project of a 28 day Residential Resource:-

“Crowhall”,

Dyke, Moray

A partnership between NCH and The Moray Council

This Report summary reflects the evidence gathered to address the indicators identified in the Committee Report August 2008:

- 1) The cost of the arrangements against Out of Area equivalents.
- 2) How far stated objectives at the outset of placements are achieved. (This is described in terms of the needs identified in the pre-placement Care Plan and the Outcomes achieved from the Action Plan).
- 3) The impact of the Project on the use of short-term Out of Area Placements.

The following tables show the continued usage of Crowhall since it opened; the range and variety of residential care and assessments undertaken; the financial savings to the Moray Council as all of these young people would have had to be placed out with Moray in specialist placements. Any placement, outwith Moray will incur additional costs through staff time; travel; emotional pressures on the young person; disruption to education and routines; maintaining family contact; along with the potential of added difficulties when returning to Moray.

Young person	Needs identified in Care Plan for Crowhall	Outcome	Cost for Crowhall	Comparative Cost for Specialist Placement
A.C. 7 yrs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) On Child Protection Register b) AC had experienced 5 Foster Care breakdowns c) Support to develop appropriate ways to express herself; Assessment to identify triggers; anxieties; fears 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) AC moved into NCH Foster Care. b) Placement is stable 	<p>Placement 41 days £ 16,610</p>	<p>£18,784.97 (for 41 days)</p> <p>Based at Keilhill, Banff</p> <p>AC could not be placed in NCH Residential Units due to her age. Foster placements exhausted.</p>
A.M. 11 yrs.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Placement with Level 4 foster Carers. b) Respite for two weeks (owing to family illness) c) Support AM through sudden move d) maintain his routines and networks. e) Use proactive approaches to de-escalate challenging behaviour 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) AM was able to understand why he had been moved and that he would be returning to his Carers. b) Attendance at school was maintained as was his participation in activity groups c) There were no incidents or negative challenges to himself or others during the placement 	<p>Placement 14 days £ 5,670</p>	<p>£ 6,414.38 (for 14 days)</p> <p>Based on independent Foster Care Fees</p>
O.S. 14 yrs.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Outwith parental control. Focus on relationship with parent and dynamic within the 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Re-commenced attendance at school and is maintaining this. 	<p>Placement 28 days £ 11,340</p>	<p>£12,232.08 (for 28 days)</p> <p>Based on Oakbank</p>

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	<p>home</p> <p>b) Non-attendance at school. Phased return with support into school. To achieve full time attendance by end of 28 day placement</p>	<p>NCH continued to provide support at home and school until end of Winter Term to establish routine.</p> <p>b) Returned home and relationship with parent is positive and being sustained</p>		<p>Not able to be fostered.</p> <p>No vacancies in NCH Residential Units</p>
A.B. 7 yrs.	<p>a) Crisis placement to maintain this youngster in a familiar environment following foster placement unplanned ending and planned transition to NCH Foster Carers</p>	<p>b) Transition achieved positively.</p> <p>c) AB and his former carer were supported by NCH staff to meet and have time together on his birthday.</p>	<p>Placement 13 days</p> <p>£5,270</p>	<p>£ 8,000 (for 13 days)</p> <p>An alternative crisis placement does not exist for young people of this age.</p> <p>The Council would have had to identify any possible placements through one of the Independent Fostering Agencies- resulting in AB being placed anywhere in Scotland. (Clearly distressing for AB and problematic in sustaining the introductions and preparation to move into new “ permanent” carers)</p>
GG & JG	<p>a) Assess GG's ability to parent her son.</p>	<p>a) GG has demonstrated her</p>	<p>Placement 24 days</p> <p>£ 9,720</p>	<p>£ 14,968 (for 24 days)</p> <p>Alternative could have</p>

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<p>Mother and toddler</p>	<p>b) Enable GG to learn and implement the skills needed to provide safe care of her son.</p> <p>c) GG will develop her confidence and ability to take parenting responsibility.</p>	<p>ability to provide satisfactory care of her son.</p> <p>b) The assessment has identified specific times when GG would benefit from additional support at home</p> <p>c) Risks to JG have been reduced</p>		<p>been Richmondhill House in Aberdeeen</p>