

Understanding the context of inappropriate sexualised behaviours

The Oracle Model

Oracle Care now operates out of two regions. We have duplicated the Oracle Care model to extend the national coverage for our specialist service with a proven track record of successful placements for children and young people with a range of complex needs:

Region 1: based in Cheshire and North Staffordshire (accessible from M6 and M56)

Region 2: based in Bedfordshire (close to the M1 and within 50 miles of London)

Regional Commissioning:

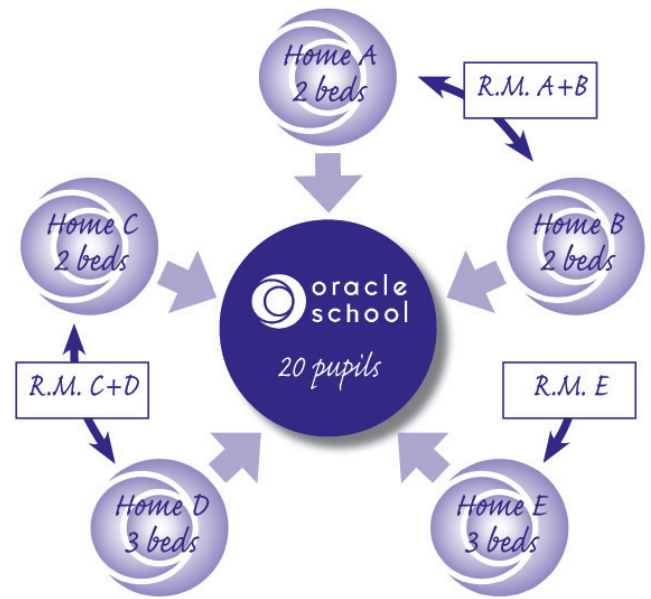
Between regions 1 and 2, Oracle Care's unique service and resources are easily accessible for placing authorities from the North West, Yorkshire and Humberside, West Midlands, East Midlands, Eastern, London and the South East commissioning regions.

In region 2, we are pleased to announce the opening of our new Oracle School site at Wrest Park. This is situated in the grounds of the English Heritage Wrest Park site and is a great resource for Oracle with fantastic educational facilities as well as providing us with an office base complete with training and meeting rooms.

In line with the "sufficiency" requirement for local authorities (ensuring sufficient and diverse provision within 20 miles of home county), we are interested in inviting neighbouring local authorities to regions 1 and 2 to examine joint commissioning possibilities in order to improve efficiency and realise better value for money whilst addressing very sensitive and/or high risk case scenarios in a professional manner which balances the needs of the individual with the responsibility towards public protection and ensuring safer communities in the future.

Oracle School (DCSF registered (875/6035): education, education, education!

Most of our young people were intermittent or non-attenders prior to coming to Oracle. Two young people had been excluded from school for over 2 years prior to arriving at Oracle. Most young people (90%) on admission have held statements of SEN. Despite these facts, the overall Oracle School attendance record is 98.5% (over 3.5 years to Sept 09). Oracle employs a team of qualified teachers to deliver curriculum based education to all its pupils.



Home life at Oracle: stability, stability, stability!

Stability and consistency are essential to the work we do and planning is critical to the success of every placement. Oracle Care's admissions and discharges are carefully planned with structured routines, clear boundaries and smooth transitions to and from alternate care settings.

As part of the full integration between home, therapy and school, we do extensive and invaluable work with the young people's families as well. This includes promoting and facilitating contact (monitoring and/or supervising, as required), working with parents/significant others and including them in the work we do. We are very pro-family life and work towards re-integration wherever possible. We also recognise the value and importance of continuing contact even if reintegration back home is not an option.

So what makes Oracle different?

- 🕒 Clinical lead (3 highly experienced, senior clinicians directly employed by Oracle Care) with oversight of all care plans.
- 🕒 Full integration across the 3 dimensions of the child's care (residential home, school and therapy).
- 🕒 Consistency and stability (we are 100% owed by our employees and Directors – all staff are offered shares subject to successful completion of their probationary period) – we have very low staff turnover (4.8% annual) and good career progression opportunities.



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Region 2: (Reg. Office): Unit 54 Wrest Park Silsoe
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Steve Gray (CEO): Qualified social worker and cognitive behavioural psychotherapist with post graduate qualifications in Forensic Psychology and Organisational Psychology.



Nicky Mosson-Jones (Clinical Director): Qualified Forensic Psychologist with over 15 years experience of assessing risk, and managing and delivering treatment programmes in secure and community settings.



Rowland Coombes (Consultant Therapist): Qualified Social Worker and therapist (trained with the Lucy Faithfull Foundation) with 18 years relevant experience (9 years in the probation service and 9 years as a senior therapist with LFF).

Oracle Consultancy:

Benefit of Oracle's involvement:

- to offer a level of independence and objectivity to interdisciplinary cases
- impartiality to ensure that the context of risk is always measured against an evidenced-based framework

Oracle Consultancy Services, specialising in:

- Compilation of Risk Assessment / Risk Management Strategies
- Design and Implementation of Relapse Prevention Programmes
- Primary intervention with families to avoid residential care
- Inappropriate / risky sexualised behaviour
- High risk / complex case scenarios
- Interpersonally abusive behaviour
- Court Assessments
- MAPPA advice



Oracle Training

In some situations practitioners are more frequently becoming risk averse, particularly where risk of sexual harm is a presenting factor. Since risk follows a dynamic continuum, influenced by many variables, awareness of basic principles is important when managing a caseload so that practitioners are not overwhelmed by a preoccupation that any risk equates to high risk.

To address this issue Oracle has been asked to design training programs for social workers and social work managers in order to prioritise and allocate resources more objectively. The result has shown practitioners becoming more confident in addressing issues that would have previously been allocated to expensive external professionals.

Behind Oracle's approach is an intention to save local authorities time and income. Moreover, we are committed where possible to keep young people at home, in foster care, or in their own current placements. We view placement moves, unless absolutely necessary, as disruptive, impeding opportunities for young people to make close relationships, develop and thrive. We have engaged with local authorities in helping residential teams to become more confident in helping young people manage their risk behaviours safely. This has included designing relapse prevention programs to enable greater freedom of movement rather than 'risk averse' containment.

To discuss your needs or to find out more about our consultancy services, please email our Clinical Director, Nicky at

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Oracle Care operates in an open and transparent manner and is committed to pre-vetting; to this end we welcome visits from commissioners, contract officers, placements teams and practitioners to give an opportunity to see the work we do, look around our resources and meet our therapists, teachers and residential teams. To arrange a visit or request further information, please contact Heather Taylor, Referrals & Placements Manager, on 01260 296794 or email

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