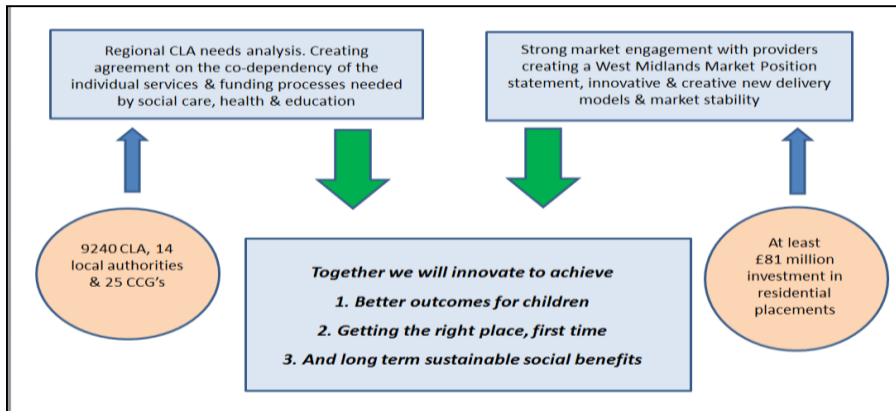


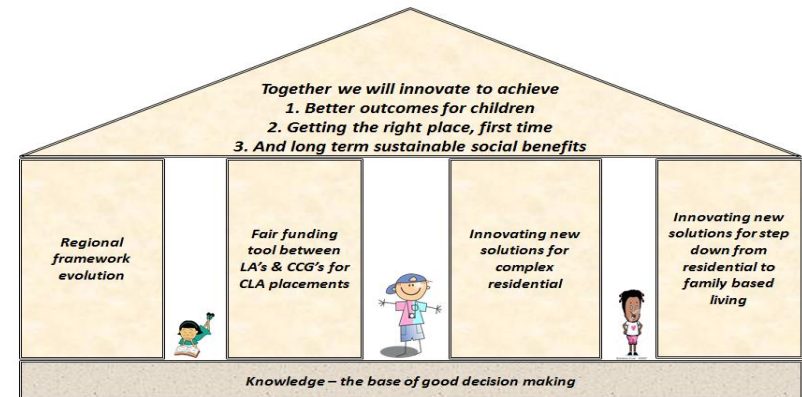
What is the West Midlands Children's Residential Bid?

Our innovative bid brings together the 14 West Midland Authorities, 25 Clinical Commissioning Groups and Providers to improve the life chances of over 10,000 looked after children within the region. The Innovation Bid will create an improved range of placements in the right locations that focusses on delivering outcomes in a value for money model. This is a regional response to the Narey report and provides commissioners across the region with the opportunity to establish a regional collaborative approach to invest in long term sustainable change to improve the life opportunities of looked after children and young people and reduce (or stop) their potential for dependency on the care system both now and in the future as they prepare to become confident independent adults.

The Vision



Workstreams



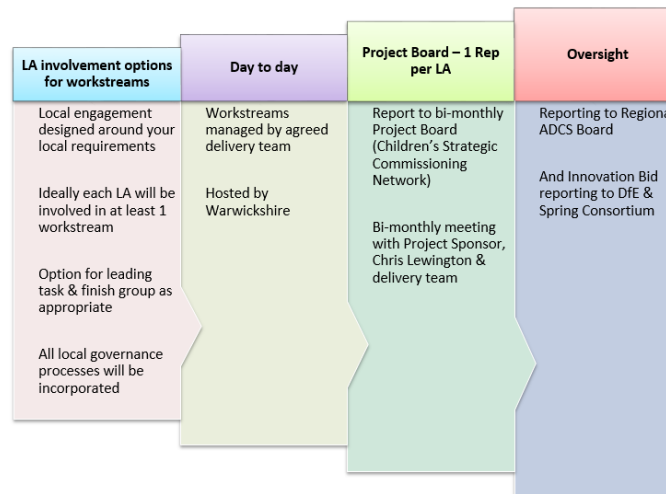
The issues that the bid seeks to address

The West Midlands region is a varied and diverse area including the largest local authority in Europe, large shires and small councils. Two children's social care trusts are about to be established and we have 25 CCG's in the region. The diversity creates both opportunity and challenges.

- Regional weekly spend of £1,565,495 which annualises to £81,405,740m.
- 28% of placements are outside the region.
- In some shires, in the east of the region over 90% of placements were outside of the shire.
- Regional Placements were commissioned thus 53% on framework, 38% spot purchase and 9% using other arrangements including block.

The region has numerous children from out of region using residential placements. The competition from out of region LA's, is a major issue which we need to innovatively resolve. It impacts both capacity and placement fees.

Delivery & Governance



Outcomes

The DfE agreed outcomes of the project include:

- Improved outcomes for children & young people
 - Improved Commissioning Skills & knowledge base
 - Better understanding of available placements
 - Significant reduction in children placed out of county resulting in improved placement stability
 - At least 20% of placements will be commissioned using outcomes models
 - Reduction in cost of the most expensive placements either top 20 or top 20%.
 - Modelling for outcomes based placements indicate that 10% savings can be achieved against current average costs
 - More sustainable and secure placements spread across the region
 - Informed Needs Analysis shared with providers
- This 33 month project will ensure that regionally we are delivering the requirements of Narey and the power of the region results in cost savings and better outcomes.