



Darch to get foster home

A NEW foster care home for young children in Darch will be the first of its kind in the City of Wanneroo.

The home, purchased by the Department of Child Protection earlier this month, will be run by non-government agency Uniting Care West and will accommodate up to four children at a time.

Uniting Care West has not said when the home will become operational.

A department spokesman said the home would provide a "tier one" service, for children 12 and under.

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in carers who provide care to four children 24 hours a day, seven days a week,” he said.

Uniting Care West Community and Family Services executive manager Lyn Shirley said the home would provide long-stay options.

“These children who, through no fault of their own, have been taken away from their parents for several reasons,” she said.

“The aim of the home is to provide an on-going, stable and nurturing environment for the children to stay in.

“Children may stay at the home for up to a couple of years, giving them the opportunity to integrate into the local community and go to local schools.”