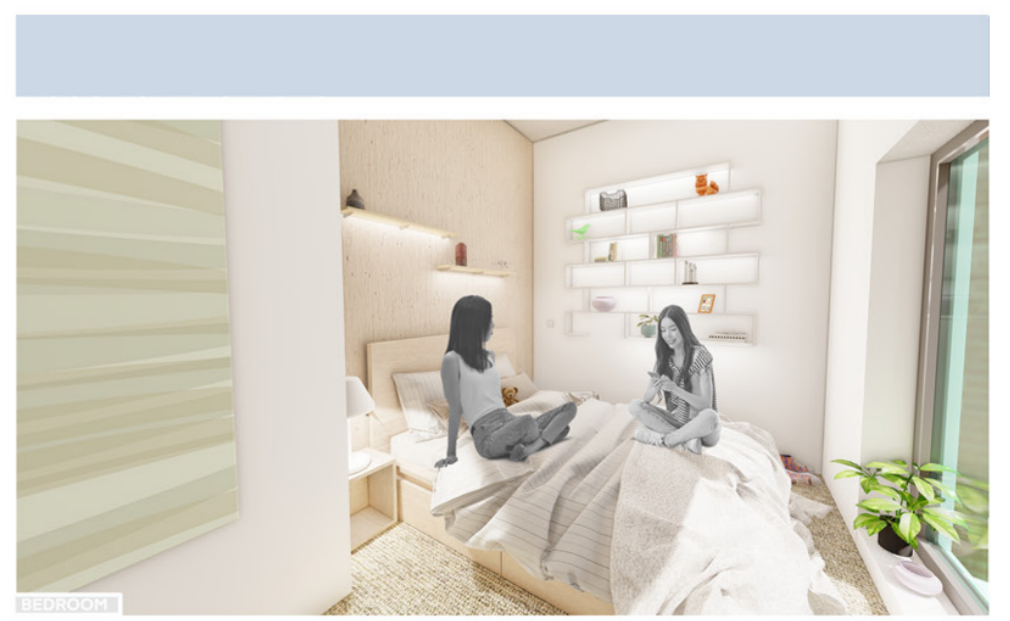


THE SKETCHES



OVERVIEW

STONE will be a part government, part charity funded organisation that supports young care leavers aged 16-25 with their transition to independent living, whilst providing additional accommodation for up to 11 residents to help aid this transition. Various methods of support will be available to all care leavers - covering education, finance, therapy, sensory therapy, cooking workshops and art therapy sessions - by renting the buildings facilities to partnering organisations and charities to carry out this work. There will be a variety of both junior apartments and small studios for residents that need accommodating via the local council.



THE ISSUE

- ▷ In 2020, there were 31,260 young adults aged 19-21 who had left care, of these only 6% were known to be in higher education, 20% in other education, and 26% in training or employment (Children looked after in England including adoptions, Reporting Year 2020, 2021). These statistics are significantly low in comparison to the rest of the population.
- ▷ Looked after children naturally have to face many disadvantages in life, making it extremely difficult to function properly within society. The struggles and adversities that looked after children face when leaving the care system only heighten due to the lack of support, funding, and procedures, resulting in additional issues once becoming independent.
- ▷ Usually care leavers have not experienced how to survive in the world, and lack the skills that a young person with access to family care would have. This naturally sets care leavers back from other young people in society as they have to essentially fend for themselves when it comes to accommodation, finances, emotional wellbeing and more.



BEFORE CARE

This looked after child has had distressing and traumatic experiences within his childhood. He comes to care to be given proper care and support which his family can't give him at the moment.



DURING CARE

During care, the individual is shifted around numerous care homes, foster families, and is constantly changing social workers – resulting in him having no stability, or support framework.



AFTER CARE

At 18, the individual is now expected to transition into living independently, despite not having the skills or capacity to live alone or function well within society without help.

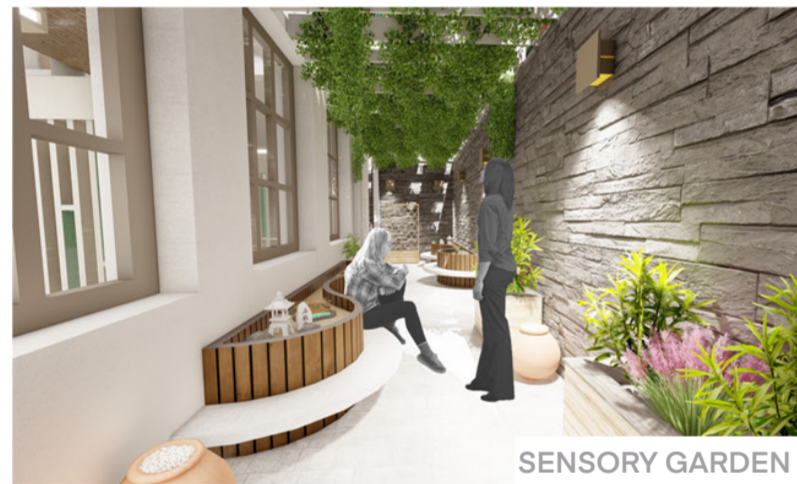
"A STEPPING STONE TO A BRIGHTER FUTURE"

- ▷ The scheme aims to provide care leavers with the support that they need to live independently, and will act as a temporary 'stepping stone' to bridge the gap between the care system and independent life. By providing access to beneficial support sessions and workshops alongside supported accommodation - Stone will encourage stable routines that in turn elevate the care leavers of Leicester.

THE SCHEME



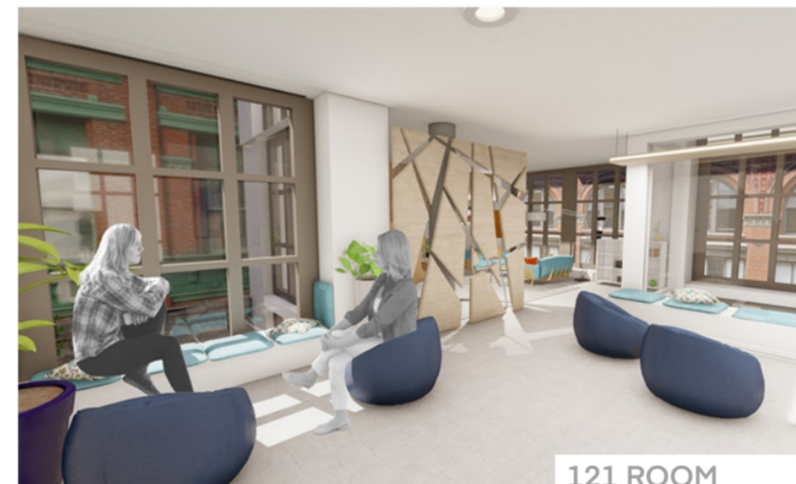
'POD' SHAPED LAYOUT



SENSORY GARDEN



COURTYARD



121 ROOM



121 ROOM



SUPPORT ROOM 1



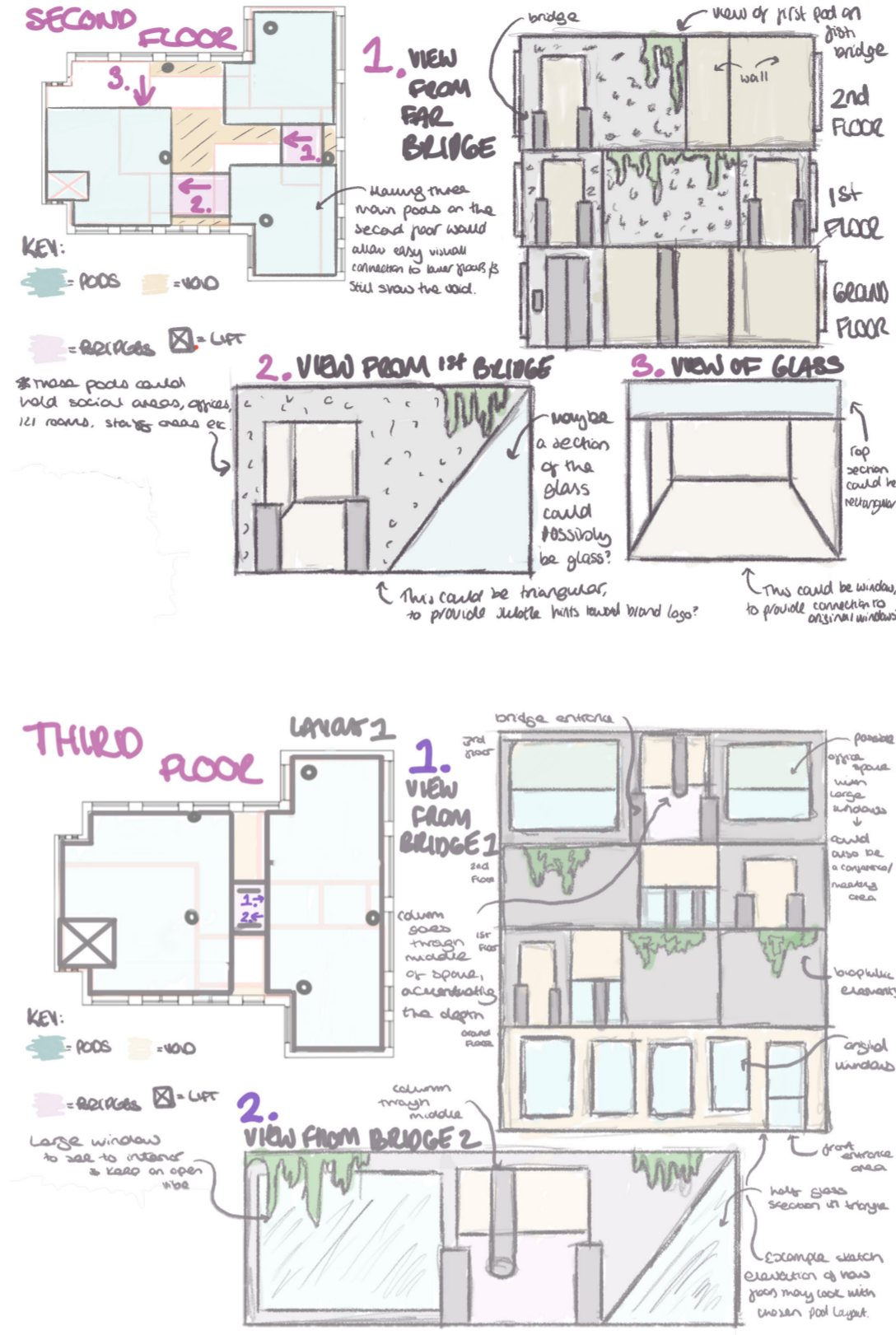
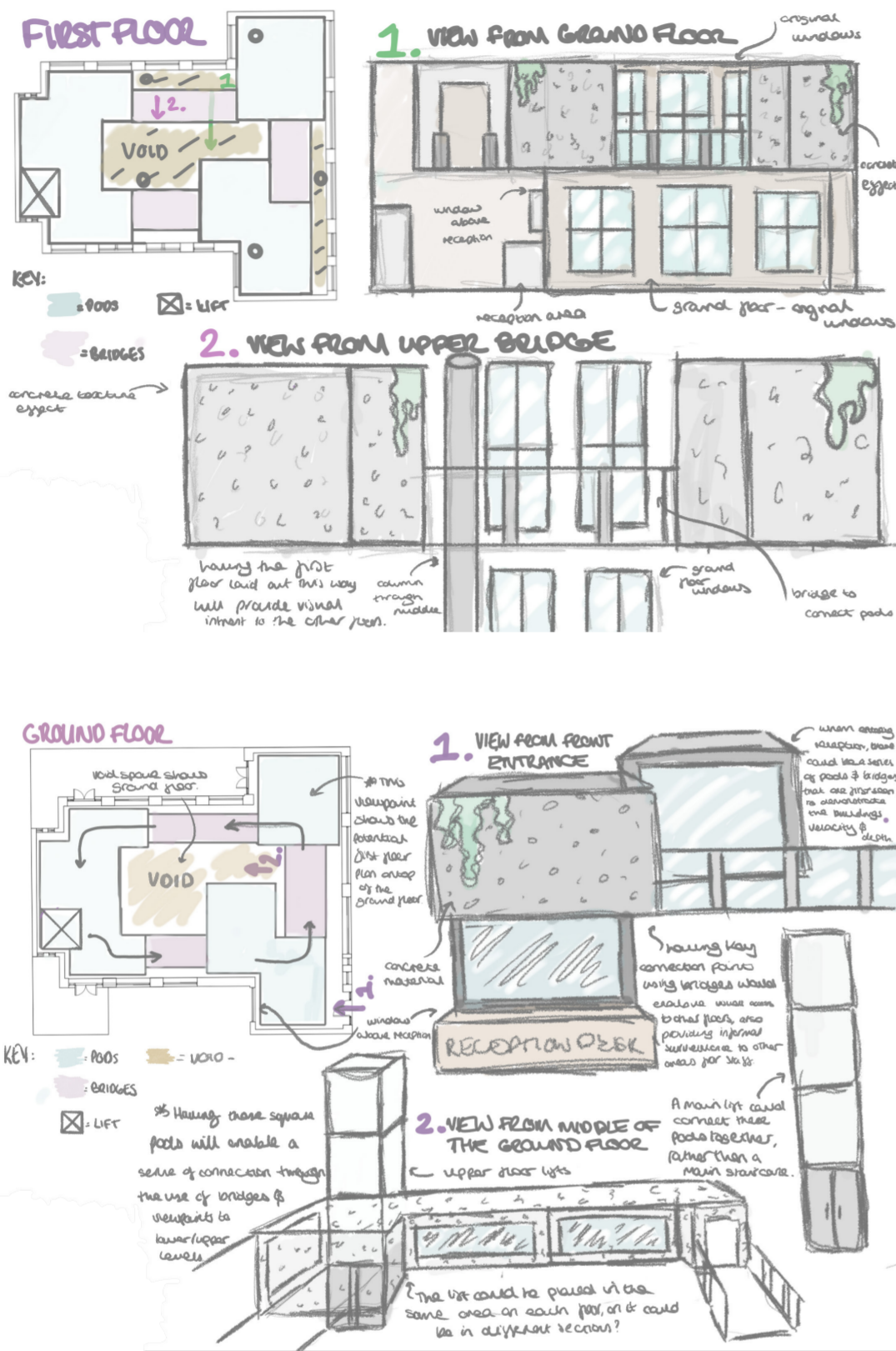
SUPPORT ROOM 2

- ▷ A wide range of beneficial facilities will be available to both residents and non-residents, including engaging multi-sensory elements such as the sensory garden, climbing wall the courtyard, and art therapy workshops.
- ▷ Both 121 areas and support rooms have been integrated into the design to provide a selection of privatised areas alongside spaces for collaboration and support surrounding personal growth. These areas provide settled and regulated environments for both the care leaver and personal advisor / counsellor to meet - encouraging healthy bonds between the two.
- ▷ The cooking workshop will enable care leavers to develop their cooking skills, with the art therapy sessions allowing an emotional outlet. A communal laundry room overlooking the courtyard will also encourage healthy connections between residents by promoting collaboration surrounding washing clothes together. Staff areas on the second floors include break spaces, offices, and a meeting space for collaborating partnerships.

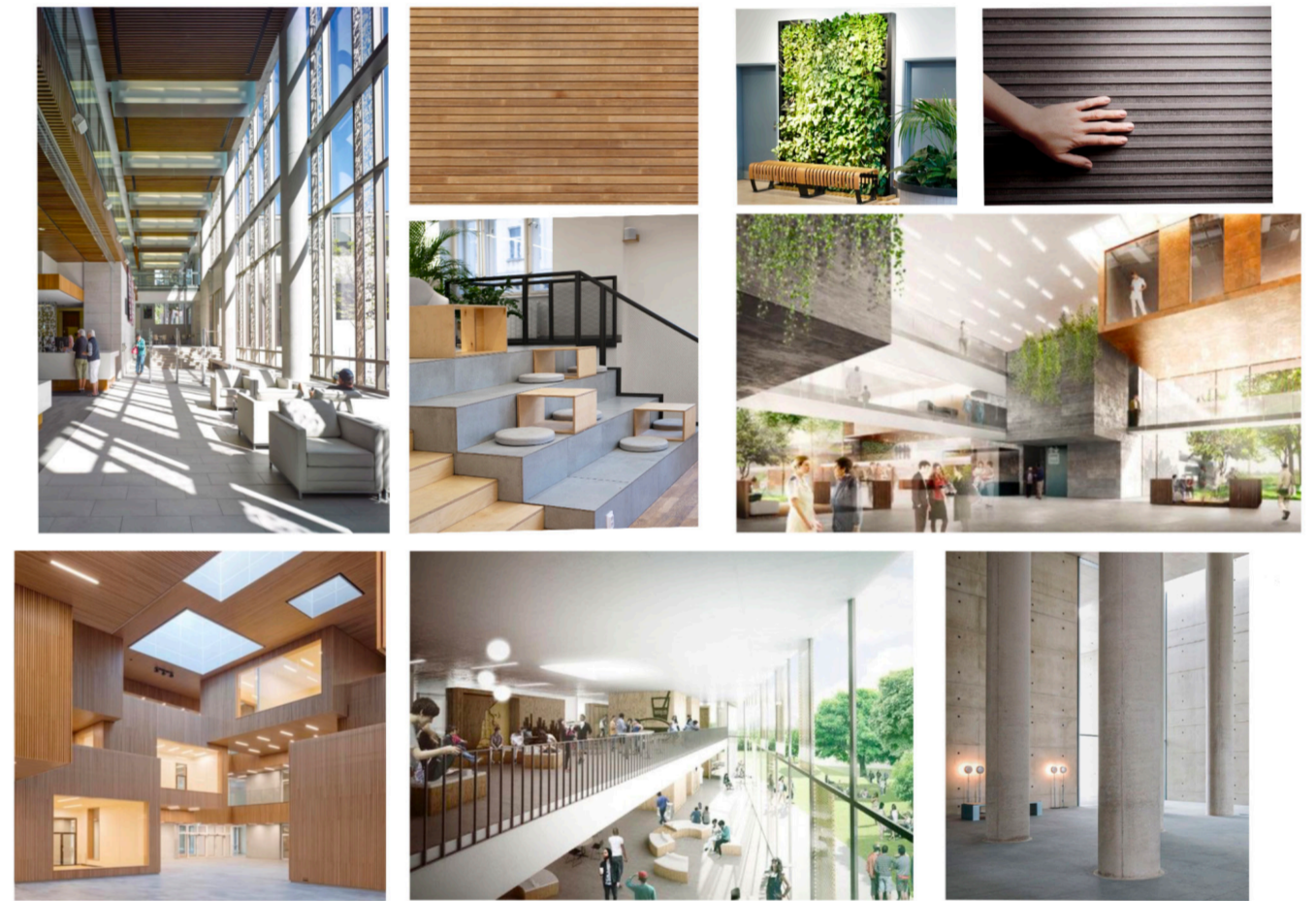
THE DESIGN

THE ORIGIN

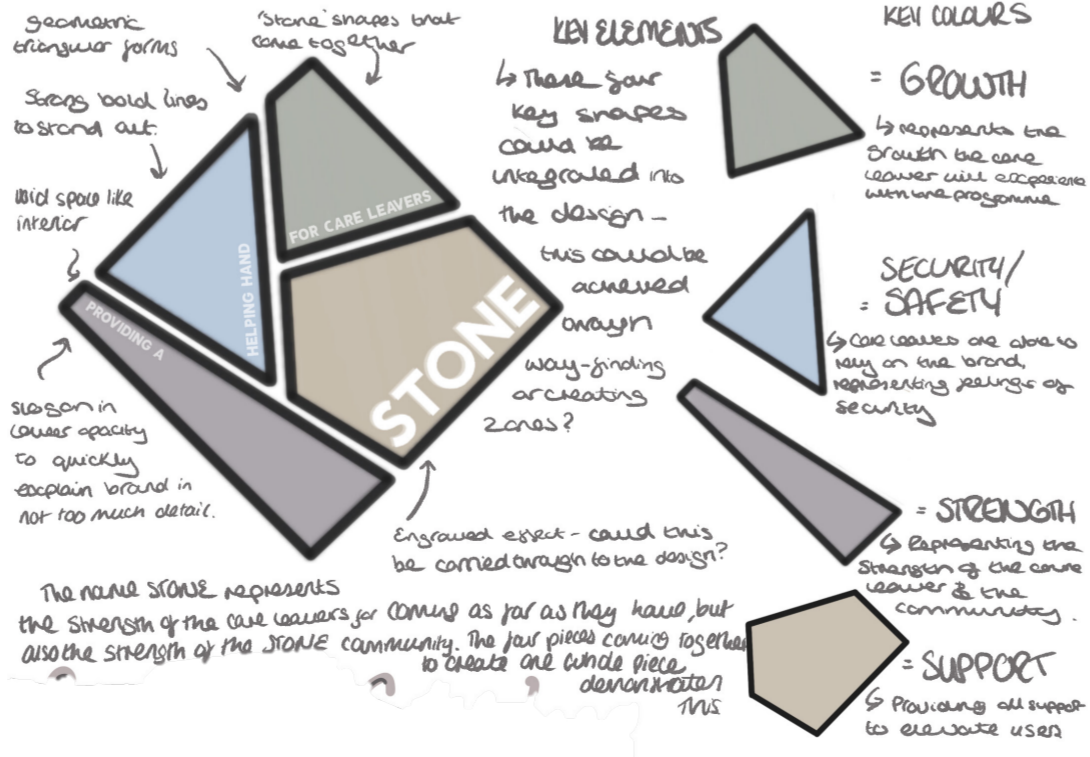
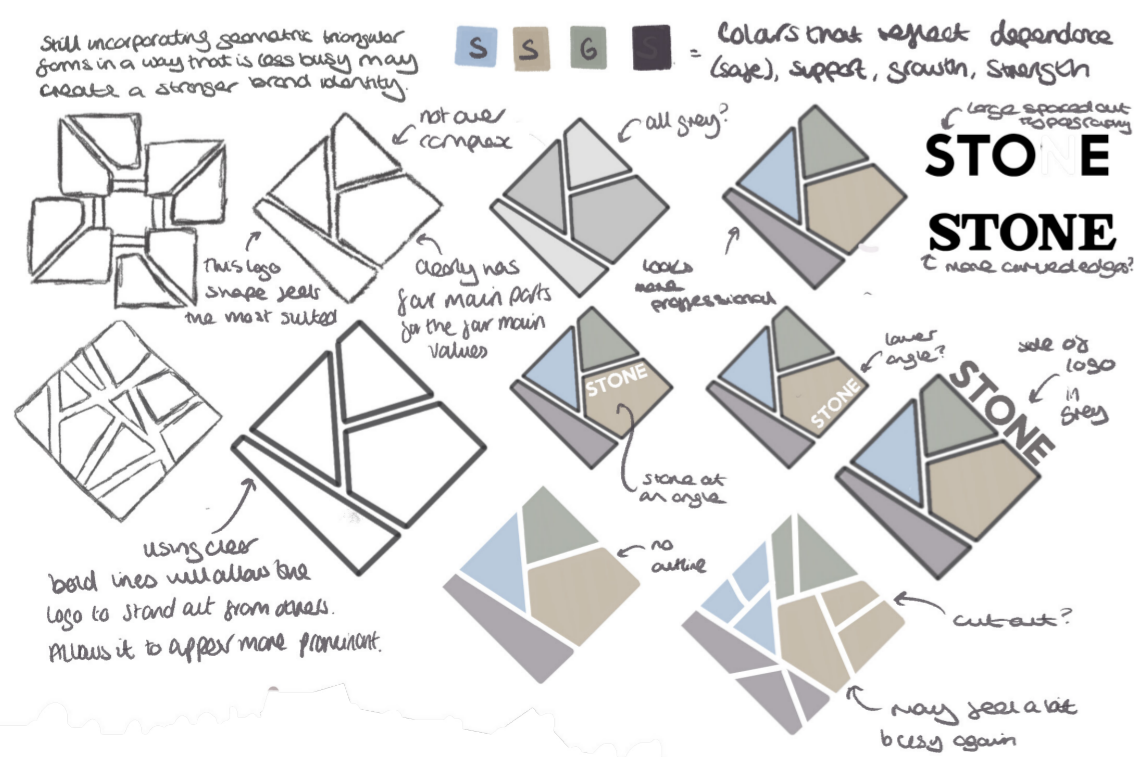
Extensive research and ideation development has infused the design in all aspects, with considerations to the smallest details to ensure a comfortable atmosphere for the target audience. This included speaking to a social worker directly, and obtaining information on what would be most beneficial in the space for care leavers.



- ▶ Trauma aided design: A new and upcoming design approach has become integral to the base of this design, and has infused each space with care and empathy by responding to its occupants emotional wellbeing through the considered use of colours, materials, textures and connection to nature.
- ▶ Biophilic design: Elements of biophilia have been incorporated throughout the design to provide uplifting environments that feel positive and encouraging.
- ▶ Open and connected environments: By using 'pod' shaped rooms within on each floor, spaces feel open and connected through visual access to each part of the building - reducing the possibility of unsettled emotions whilst also providing informal surveillance for staff.



BRAND ETHOS



- ▶ The brand has also been influenced by trauma informed design and incorporates specific colour choices that reflect safe emotions and feelings to really connect with the target audience and enable them to feel at ease under all scenarios.
- ▶ The colours were chosen through colour psychology findings that depicted which colours would be best fitting to represent the key words; growth, security/safety, strength, and support. These colours have been assigned to four key shapes that come together to make STONE - and are placed through the building's design.

GROUND FLOOR



FIRST FLOOR



SECOND FLOOR



THIRD FLOOR



SECTION A-A



SECTION B-B



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