

# 2502334

Registered provider: Brighter Futures for Children

Interim inspection

Inspected under the social care common inspection framework

## **Information about this children's home**

This children's home provision was re-registered under Brighter Futures for Children on 29 November 2018. The home can provide care for up to five children who have a learning and/or physical disability and/or sensory impairment. This can be on a shared-care arrangement.

The manager was registered with Ofsted in November 2018.

**Inspection date: 13 March 2020**

**Date of last inspection:** 2 July 2019

**Judgement at last inspection:** outstanding

**Enforcement action since last inspection:** none

## **This inspection**

### **The effectiveness of the home and the progress and experiences of children and young people since the most recent full inspection**

This home was judged outstanding at the last full inspection. At the interim inspection, Ofsted judges that it has sustained effectiveness.

Staff have adapted exceptionally well to the full-time care of a young person with extremely complex health needs. The bespoke care for this young person and the emotional support for her family are outstanding.

The manager has not fully considered how there will be sufficient staffing when dealing with young people's personal care so that other young people can continue to be cared for and enjoy activities.

All young people make progress living here. This is clearly identified and celebrated. Young people make progress in accessing community activities, eating out, family relationships, personal hygiene, establishing regular sleep patterns and participating in the running of the home.

Since the last inspection, no young people have left the home or moved into the home. Staff are helping one young person as they prepare to move back to family.

Incidents of negative behaviour or absence from the home are uncommon and incident records are detailed and clear. Reviews with staff provide opportunities to learn from incidents. Restraint is rarely used. Restraint records are not as detailed as incident records and do not always contain an account of the debrief for staff, or the manager's evaluation of the restraint.

Staff benefit from a range of training, very good-quality supervision and the opportunity to enjoy wellness sessions. Staff have individual responsibilities, and this helps develop their skills and knowledge.

Staff have excellent relationships with families and provide experiences for the whole family to enjoy. Work in partnership with families, schools and medical professionals ensures all-round support for young people.

No requirements or recommendations were made at the last inspection. Two recommendations are made as a result of this inspection.

## Recent inspection history

<b>Inspection date</b>	<b>Inspection type</b>	<b>Inspection judgement</b>
02/07/2019	Full	Outstanding

## **What does the children's home need to do to improve?**

### **Recommendations**

- Ensure that all incidents of restraint are subject to systems of regular scrutiny. ('Guide to the children's homes regulations including the quality standards', page 46, paragraph 9.36) In particular, the manager should record her evaluation of the restraint and debriefs with staff.
- Ensure sufficient staffing levels at all times to meet the needs of all children. ('Guide to the children's homes regulations including the quality standards', page 54, paragraph 10.15)

## **Information about this inspection**

Ofsted is aware of the challenges that Covid-19 is currently posing to those we inspect. During this visit, the inspectors took into consideration the impact of any measures being taken to slow the spread of Coronavirus by the home. This has included the effect these have had on staffing arrangements.

This inspection focused on the effectiveness of the home and the progress and experiences of children and young people since the most recent full inspection.

Inspectors have looked closely at the experiences and progress of children and young people, using the 'Social care common inspection framework'. This inspection was carried out under the Care Standards Act 2000 to assess the effectiveness of the service, how it meets the core functions of the service as set out in legislation, and to consider how well it complies with the Children's Homes (England) Regulations 2015 and the 'Guide to the children's homes regulations including the quality standards'.

## Children's home details

**Unique reference number:** 2502334

**Provision sub-type:** Children's home

**Registered provider:** Brighter Futures for Children

**Registered provider address:** Reading Borough Council, Civic Offices, Bridge Street, Reading, Berkshire RG1 2LU

**Responsible individual:** Claire Lewis

**Registered manager:** Helena Macieira Baptista

## Inspector

Judith Longden, Social Care Inspector

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