

Children's Home

Supporting a young Trans person

The borough has a registered children's home, accommodating up to 5 looked after children aged between 11-17.

A request was received to accommodate a transgender child. Staff recognised that they had limited training or experience in this area.

Online references and resources, and specific training were sourced to provide staff with knowledge around the sensitivities of supporting someone who identifies as Trans.

The rota was re-organised to ensure there was both a male and female staff member on duty at any given time, to make the young person feel comfortable.

A referral was made to the LGBTQ+ young people's group so the young person had somewhere to go and be with young people like themselves.

The young person remained safely in placement for a number of weeks, allowing for a planned move to a long-term service.

The young person was settled, calm and engaging with staff.

Previous episodes of missing became less of an issue as they were able to speak to staff instead of leaving placement, which ultimately meant that the young person was safe.

A need was identified for formal training on this subject matter which will now be sourced through Learning and Development.