



# BRIGHT FUTURES NEWS

January 2026 Newsletter



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# A Message from Our CEO

As we begin the new year, I would like to take a moment to recognise and sincerely thank the entire Bright Futures team for the hard work and commitment shown across all our services.

In particular, I want to acknowledge the dedication of the Abbey Wood House team, whose efforts ensured the home was fully prepared for registration, and the Erith House team for your continued professionalism, care, and unwavering

The patience, consistency, and compassion you show our young people every day is clearly reflected in the positive and progressive outcomes we continue to see.

Your dedication has played a significant role in Erith House achieving a provisional 'Good' rating in all areas at our first full Ofsted inspection, a fantastic achievement and one we should all be immensely proud of.

This success truly belongs to the whole team. Thank you for the passion, teamwork, and high standards you bring into our homes each day.

As we move forward, we do so with confidence, pride, and optimism, looking ahead to even brighter days across our homes and for the young people we support.

Provisional 'Good' Rating



★ MILESTONE ACHIEVEMENT

# Welcome to the Family: Cassandra

Registered Manager, Erith House

*A big welcome to Cassandra, who joined us at the beginning of January 2026.*



## In Her Own Words

- My name is Cassandra, and I am the newly appointed manager of Erith House. I have over 11 years of experience working in children's homes, beginning as a support worker and progressing to management roles. I have also gained my Level 5 Leadership and Management qualification.
- Over the past six years, I have been a Registered Manager for two different children's homes: taking the first from the initial setup stage through to registration, and the second by successfully turning around a home that had been rated as 'requires improvement' for six years to 'Good' within the first year.
- Erith House will be my third registration. My focus will be on creating an environment where every young person can thrive and feel valued.

# Growing Our Team



## Rashiel

Executive Admin Assistant (Group Services)

A huge welcome to Rashiel, who joined us in January. Rashiel brings with her a wealth of experience from both the corporate sector and children's services and has truly hit the ground running since joining the team.

**We're delighted to have her on board — please join us in giving Rashiel a big Bright welcome!**

# The Impact of Our Care: A Young Person's Journey

## A Month of Strong Progress



In January, YP made strong and meaningful progress. They attended two college open days and an interview, and were delighted to receive a provisional offer—a wonderful achievement.

Alongside this, they have continued to engage positively with all professionals involved in their care and remain committed to their education as they prepare for their GCSEs.

They continue to show maturity, focus, and determination, and we are extremely proud of the positive direction they are moving in.

## Erith House Update

### A Month of Growth, Positivity & New Beginnings

This month at Erith House has been filled with encouraging progress, joyful moments, and a strong sense of togetherness.

We are proud to share the achievements that highlight the dedication of our amazing team alongside the resilience of the young people we support.

## Star of the Month



### Aboagye Konadu

Erith House Team

For consistently demonstrating excellent commitment, taking initiative, and offering genuine encouragement and care to our young people. His positive attitude and supportive approach make a real difference.

# Looking Ahead to 2026

Your Voice Matters & Shared Ambitions



## Share Your Ambition

We invite everyone to share one or two ambitious plans or ideas for 2026. Whether it's a personal development goal, a service improvement, or an innovation — your ideas drive Bright Futures forward.



## Feedback

As we grow, we want to hear from you. Reflect on what we do well and how we can improve. Your insights shape our future practice.



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### International Day of Education

Celebrating the importance of learning, growth, and opportunity for every child.

At Erith House, we continue to support our young people to re-engage with education.



**“The more healthy relationships a child has, the more likely they are to recover from trauma and thrive.”**

— Bruce D. Perry (Psychiatrist & Trauma Expert)

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# Closing Thoughts

As we reflect on the past year, I would like to extend my sincere thanks to every member of our team for the dedication, commitment, and hard work you have shown throughout. Your efforts have made a real difference, and together we have continued to grow stronger and more united in our purpose.

As we move forward into the rest of 2026, I am excited about what lies ahead and all that we will achieve together. With our shared values guiding us, I look forward to a year filled with new opportunities, continued progress, and success for everyone.