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**Support Services for Disabled Children
and their Families**

Learning Skills and Culture
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Children's Disability Service

Guide to
THE CYGNETS

What is The Cygnets?

The Cygnets forms part of the Children's Disability Service, and provides overnight short breaks for children and young people who have a learning disability. This includes those who may also have complex health needs and/or Autistic Spectrum Disorder (ASD).

The home is inspected by Ofsted, details of recent inspections can be found at www.gov.uk/government/organisations/ofsted

The service provided is based on a social workers assessment of needs and is for children and young people between the ages of 5 and 18 years.

The Cygnets has five beds plus an emergency bed. The Cygnets is open five days per week and offers 24-hour care.

There are three members of staff on duty for both morning (7am – 3pm) and afternoon (2:30pm – 11:00pm). During the night there is one waking Night care Assistant and an Officer sleeping in.

All children's care needs are provided for based on information gathered from parents during a joint home visit by a social worker and a staff member from the Cygnets.

The Cygnets staff aims to make each child/young person's stay as enjoyable and homely as possible. Activities and outings are planned to enable children/young people to enjoy themselves, promote their independence and socialisation skills within a safe and caring environment.

To access this service, you need to contact the Disability Service on 01724 407988.