

## Families@FamilyCare

If you have considered becoming a foster carer we should be pleased to hear from you and would welcome the opportunity to talk through with you what fostering entails. Being a foster carer can be richly rewarding and at times it can be deeply challenging. We are looking for people to become full-time foster carers with our service and in return we offer a generous fee, quality training and high levels of support.

Fostering does offer a flexible working option, enabling you to stay at home and care for a child around your own family's needs. We particularly need full time foster carers for children aged 11+, teenagers, sibling groups, children with disabilities or special needs and parent and child placements.

### Who Can Become a Foster Carer?

It is a little difficult to define the qualities of a foster carer but the following is a helpful guideline. You will normally:

- Be aged between twenty five and sixty years of age
- Be single or with a partner
- Have experience of looking after children whether they be your own or other peoples
- Have the support of your partner or family in your desire to be a foster carer
- Be confident in yourself in the sense of dealing with professionals involved in the care of the young person
- Be prepared to consider giving up your day job if you have one. You will receive a fostering fee and a Boarding Out Allowance when you have a child or young person living with you
- Being a car driver would be helpful, but not essential

### If you would like to know more

Please contact us (details below) and we will arrange for one of our social workers to give you a call and take some details from you. Alternatively you can fill in our Initial Enquiry Form and email it to us; once we receive this we will get back to you - usually within one working day - [click here to open form](#).

Next steps - with your agreement we will arrange for one of our social workers to visit you for an informal chat. He/she will discuss with you what fostering is, the ups and downs, the [application process](#) and the sort of questions that you will be asked. They will also explain to you the support that you will receive from us to help you in what is a very challenging career.

This informal meeting is also an opportunity for you to ask us any questions. We always suggest that you start a question list well in advance of the meeting and add to this list as questions come to you.

If you decide to proceed you will need to complete an application form in order for your assessment to start.

### Contact Details

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We welcome applications from people regardless of colour, sexual orientation, religious persuasion or disability.