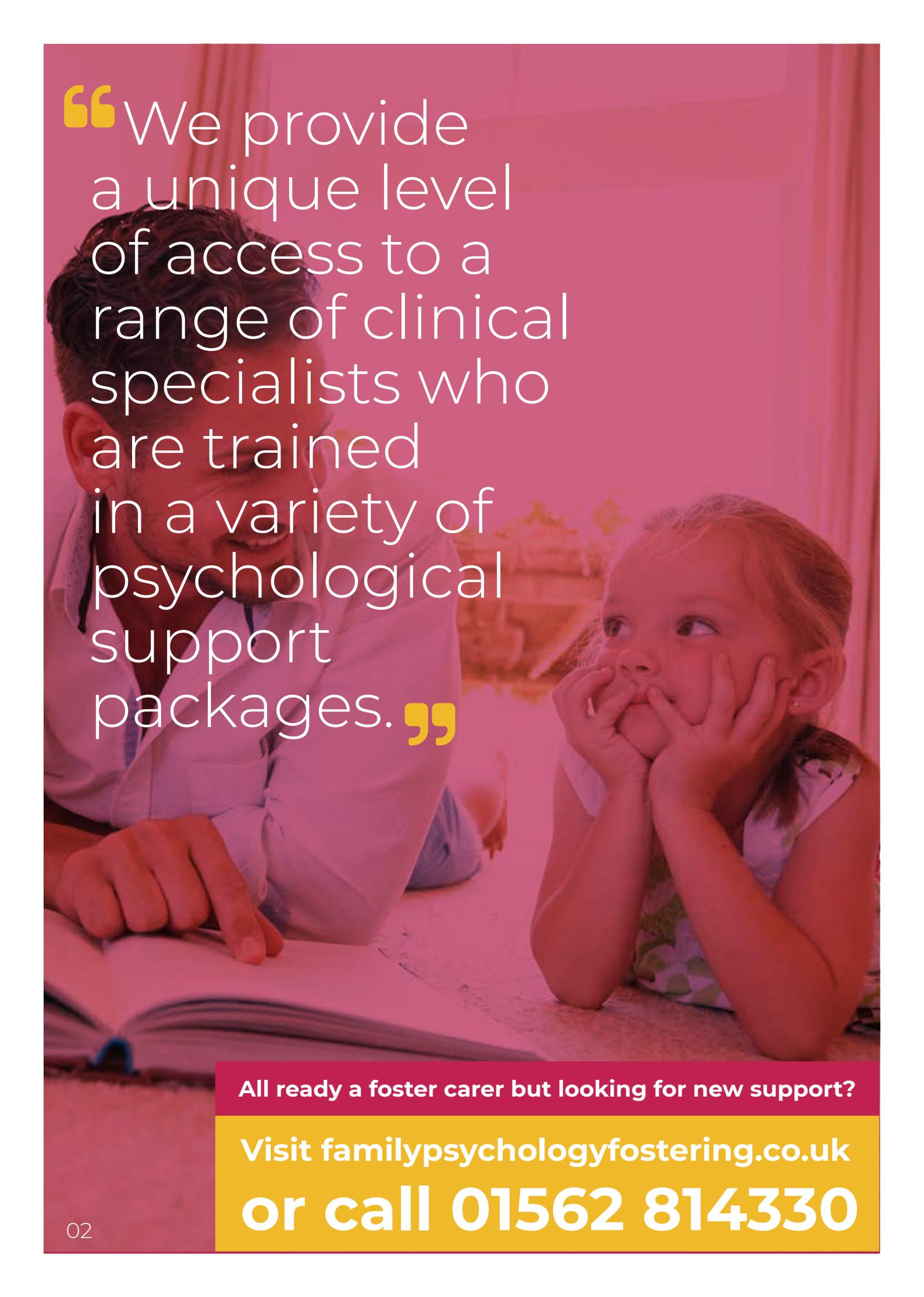


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Supporting you every step of the way

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Fostering Services

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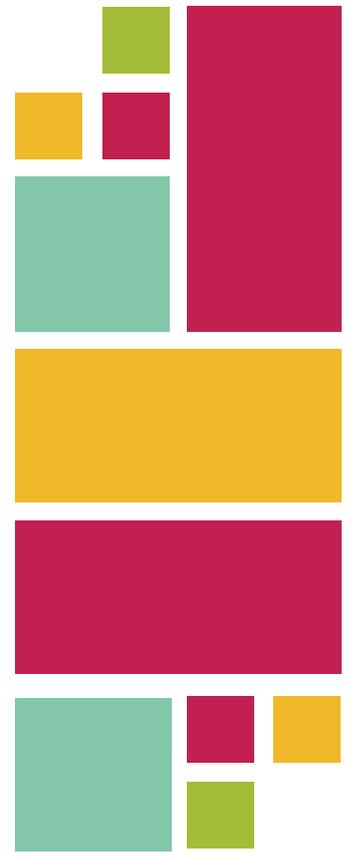
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“ Supporting every foster family from day one. ”



About The Family Psychology Fostering Service

The Family Psychology Fostering Service is a newly founded Independent Therapeutic Fostering Agency based in the West Midlands.

The company was created by James and Dr. Rachel Johnson following their success with developing a psychological assessment and therapy centre, The Family Psychologist Ltd (TFP). TFP is a multidisciplinary team of specialist clinical staff including Clinical Psychologists, Speech and Language Therapists and Occupational Therapists, providing a range of therapeutic support services to children, adults, their families and their carers. Through their experience

with helping children and families they realised there was a real need for a small, therapeutic fostering agency that could help children and young people, by training it's carers in therapeutic techniques and supporting them with individual regular clinical psychology support.

Combining our agency with TheFamilyPsychologist Clinic, gives our carers and children a unique level of access to a range of clinical specialists who are trained in a variety of psychological support packages and will be supporting every foster family from day one.



“A whole “family”
approach to fostering.”



Our Vision

Our vision is to create an agency that is psychologically and therapeutically informed from top to bottom. This means that attachment theory and nurture based approaches at the centre of everything we do.

It is our vision to create a whole “family” approach to fostering, where every part of the team is connected, valued and respected and their emotional health and well-being is paramount.

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Our Mission

Our overarching mission is to offer children and young people complete access to a wide range of therapeutic services that are delivered in the safety and security of a well-supported and nurturing family environment.

Our service is striving to develop a specialist approach to fostering, where our therapeutic knowledge spans throughout the life of the home. This means that every fostering family will be provided with the enhanced support of a therapeutic social work and clinical team.

We recognise the uniqueness of every child’s life journey and are committed to providing a bespoke service that is exclusively responsive to each young person on an individual level.

What is Fostering and Who Needs Foster Care?



Foster carers are people who make a powerful decision to provide care and support to children who need it most.

Fostering is a way for families to offer children and young people a home while their own family is unable to look after them, for a whole variety of reasons.

These reasons could include:

- Parental illness (physical or mental)
- Physical harm or violence within a home
- Substance or alcohol misuse within the home
- Parental learning difficulty
- Parental involvement with criminal activity

Children who need looking after away from home have often experienced a range of upsetting life experiences, meaning they can need a significant amount of ongoing support from the families taking care of them.

Children and young people can live with foster families from as soon as they are born, right up to 18 years old, and in some cases, up to 25 years old if they choose to attend university or any other type of full time education.

Around 60% of all children who are looked after away from home live with foster families outside of their birth family network.

Fostering is not an easy option for anyone but it does offer the opportunity to make a huge difference to the lives of the children who need it.

If you decide to apply to become a foster carer, you must be able to:

- Offer the time, commitment, space and skills to care for children separated from their families
- Provide educational or employment support for children and young people
- Provide support for a child or young person's physical, emotional and social health and well being
- Attend regular planning meetings
- Manage sensitive information
- Manage a range of emotional and behavioural presentations displayed by the child and the impact this might have on other family members
- Promote contact with children's birth family and any other significant individuals in their lives
- Work with lots of different professionals as part of a team to promote the best outcomes for the children in your care
- Develop new skills and be open to learning new ideas and ways of parenting

Becoming a Foster Carer is a hugely rewarding role and when foster carers are well prepared, trained and supported the outcomes they are able to achieve for the children in their care can be remarkable.

This is why we have developed our Therapeutic Fostering Service.



Who Can Foster for Us?

All applicants to our service must:



Have a spare room

21+

Be over 21 years of age



Have basic IT skills



Have a positive attitude to their own training, learning and development



Be able to attend regular meetings and appointments



Have a positive attitude towards equality, diversity and inclusion



Be able to provide safe transportation for children in their care



Be willing to undertake a range of statutory checks as well as undertake a rigorous assessment process (as documented below)

Why People Choose To Foster With Us?

It is our aim to provide, as standard, a multidisciplinary fostering experience that has a firm footing in attachment-based and relationship focused interventions.

The whole ethos of our service is to deliver clinical and therapeutic services that are embedded within the day-to-day life of the fostering household.

If you decide to foster for us, we will provide you with specific training in a variety of psychological interventions, meaning that much of the therapeutic work will come through the nurturing placement that you provide on a day to day basis.

In addition, you will be supported by a Therapeutic Supervising Social Worker who has an extensive knowledge and understanding of a variety of therapeutic techniques.

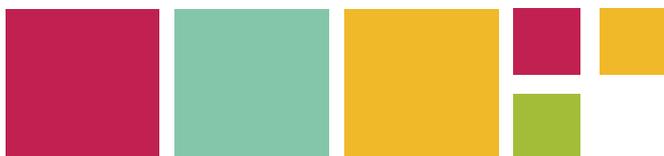
Through its partnership with The Family Psychologist Ltd., the service has access to a full clinical team, This means that the children in your care can have access to all of the resources they need under one roof. Having this clinical support means that our service can be a “one stop” clinic to get the children in our care all of the help they need without delay.

Throughout your fostering journey, you will have constant access to the clinical team through direct work, specialised training and weekly clinical drop in sessions, to keep you fully supported at all times.

Through having specialisms in several areas of attachment and child development, our service can provide a comprehensive, wrap around foster care package for children and young people.

In all situations, you will be treated as part of the therapeutic team around the child, included and valued as equally as any other professional involved. We believe that we are all working together to create better life chances for children and young people who need it most and you, as their carer play the most critical role.

We hope that being able to provide you with this level of support will give you the motivation and enjoyment to remain with our service throughout your fostering life.



The Therapeutic Services We Provide

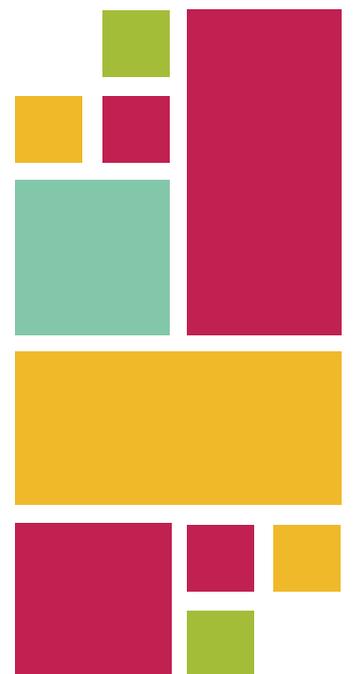
Our therapeutic framework is based upon the principles of attachment. This means promoting a secure, warm and responsive foundation to the relationship between each foster carer and the child.

As part of our bespoke skills to foster package, prospective carers will be introduced to the core concepts of attachment theory, the neurobiology of attachment and the impact of developmental trauma has on a child's behaviour and presentation.

Carers will be continuously trained and supported in using therapeutic techniques to develop healthy ways of relating to and communicating with children.

Our approach adopts the principles of P.A.C.E. and Dyadic Developmental Psychotherapy based on the work of Dan Hughes and Kim Golding.

Through this therapeutic model, foster carers will develop a greater understanding of how a child's inner life affects their outward behaviour. This is the basis to forming strong connections between the child and their foster family.



In conjunction with TheFamilyPsychologist Ltd we are able to support a wide range Neuro-Diversities (depending on the type of placement required):

- Early years support for Sleeping, Feeding, Potty Training and Separation Anxiety
- ADHD
- Educational Assessments
- Behavioural & Emotional Interventions
- Diagnostic Assessment and Therapeutic Support for ADHD, Autism Spectrum Condition, Asperger Syndrome (and pathological demand avoidance) and Attention Deficit Disorder
- Interventions for Depression, OCD, Eating Disorders, Social Anxiety, Self Harm and Low Self-Esteem
- Dyadic Developmental Psychotherapy
- Speech and Language Therapy
- Therapeutic Life Story Work
- Learning Difficulties (Dyslexia/ Dyspraxia, Dyscalculia, Dysgraphia, SPLD)
- Attachment
- Sensory Processing
- Psychological Profiling



Types of Fostering We Offer

In many cases the placements that we offer are “solo” which means that our carers offer exclusive care to just one child at a time.

Short and Long Term Non-Therapeutic Fostering (Solo - Standard)

We are able to offer short term placements to children and young people who might be between families, such as awaiting the assessment of a suitable family member.

Short Term Therapeutic or Assessment Placement (Solo)

Our short term therapeutic placements offer an array of services to meet the child’s presenting needs. The placement can be for up to two years and can provide an intensive period of support for a child or young person who requires a complete assessment for their presenting needs.

These placements will offer an intensive package of therapeutic support for carers and the child or young person in response to the assessed level of need.

Long Term Assessment and Therapeutic Placement (Solo)

We offer placements with our foster carers who are willing to provide a longer therapeutic care package to meet the ongoing complex and trauma related needs of children and young people. This includes a full assessment package, then an ongoing treatment plan.

Alternative to Residential Care or Step Down from Residential Care (Solo)

Similar to our short term placements, we can provide shorter term, bridging placements that can either serve as a step down from residential care or as a therapeutic alternative to residential care. These placements are outcome focussed, with the goal of returning children and young people into a more suitable family home environment, whether that be permanence through fostering or birth family.



A photograph of a man and a young girl outdoors. The man is in the background, smiling broadly with his eyes closed. The girl is in the foreground, looking towards the camera with a slight smile. She has blonde hair in braids and is wearing a red top. The man is wearing a blue shirt. The background is bright and out of focus, suggesting a sunny day in a park or garden.

Sibling Therapeutic Placements

Part of the therapeutic work with children could have a focus on building their relationships within a sibling group. Some of our carers will have the skill, experience and accommodation available to provide care for a sibling group, enabling them to stay together and work through any developmental trauma as a family unit.

Out of Area Therapeutic Placements

We are able to offer services to children and young people who for safety reasons might need a family placement outside of their own Local Authority.

Staying Put

On a case by case basis, there is a provision for young people aged 18 and older that have been previously looked after by our foster carers to remain within their current foster home.

Application and Approval Process For Our Foster Carers

Enquiries can be made either over the phone or online (see contact details below).

- Once an enquiry is made, a Screening Call will be undertaken by a Social Worker within 2 days.
- Following this call you will receive an Initial Visit from a Supervising Social Worker connected to our team. This will take place at your home and will provide the agency with the opportunity to talk to you further around the realities of fostering, the expectations of the service and the assessment process.
- Following a positive visit, you will be encouraged to submit a formal application form giving consent to start all of the statutory checks and begin the full assessment. The assessment will then be completed by a qualified, registered Social Worker using the standard CoramBAAF Form F.

Our assessment and approval process
has 3 stages:



Stage 1 - Statutory Checks

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The assessment requires the following checks to be completed:

01. Area Health Authority
02. Housing
03. GP and any relevant Consultants
04. A full medical assessment.
05. Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS)
06. Probation
07. Local Authority Children and Young People's Services
08. Education and Schools
09. Personal Referees
10. Employers (past and present)
11. Previous Fostering or Adoption Agencies
12. Ex-Partners
13. Adult Children Living Elsewhere
14. Individuals Within the Home (including those under 18)
15. Financial Assessment (including any CCJ's etc)
16. OFSTED
17. Any other as deemed necessary



The allocated assessing Social Worker will schedule and complete around 8 visits with you.

- The assessment will cover individual profiles of each person with the home, past and present relationships, support networks, interviews with child and adult members of the household, lifestyle, parenting capacity and experience and valuing diversity. The assessment will be very detailed and encourages you to reflect on the care you can offer to children with a range of needs.
- Early within the assessment you will be invited to attend the Skills to Foster Training. This training will provide you with an overview of the fostering role and the National Minimum Standards for Fostering as well as give you a greater understanding of attachment theory and some of the interventions used to support children who have experienced difficulties in early childhood. Your participation on this training will contribute to your assessment.
- The assessor will then make a recommendation about the skills you have and what services you can offer.



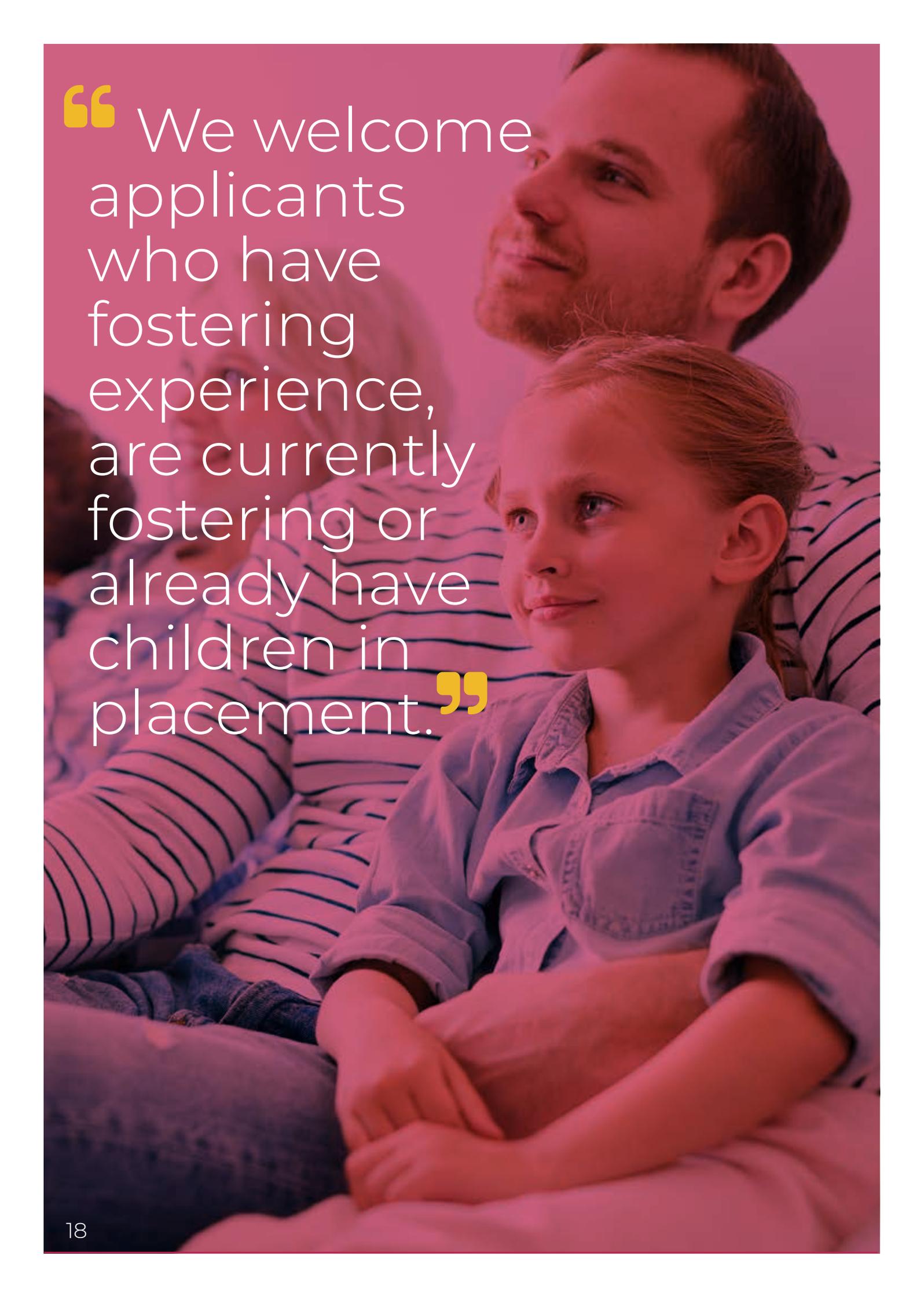
Stage 3 - Approval Process - Fostering Panel

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When your assessment is completed you will attend fostering panel with your assessing Social Worker, where a recommendation will be made about your approval.

- Panel is made up of people with experience in health, psychology, education, fostering and Social Care. Panel will ask you and the Social Worker a range of questions about the fostering role.
- You will be informed immediately of the panel's recommendation.
- On successful approval every carer will be allocated a named Supervising Social Worker who will guide you through your induction.





“ We welcome applicants who have fostering experience, are currently fostering or already have children in placement. ”

Existing Carers Wanting to Transfer to Us

All foster carers have the right to explore and transfer to other agencies if they feel the packages being offered would be a better match for their fostering style.

We welcome applicants who have fostering experience, are currently fostering or already have children in placement.

For all carers looking to transfer to us, it is important that they inform their existing authority or agency that they are speaking with another agency.

As soon as any applicants have informed their host agency, we can begin an updated Form F assessment as outlined above.

As soon as a panel date has been confirmed, you will be able to formally provide 28 days written notice to your host authority in preparation for the transition to our service.



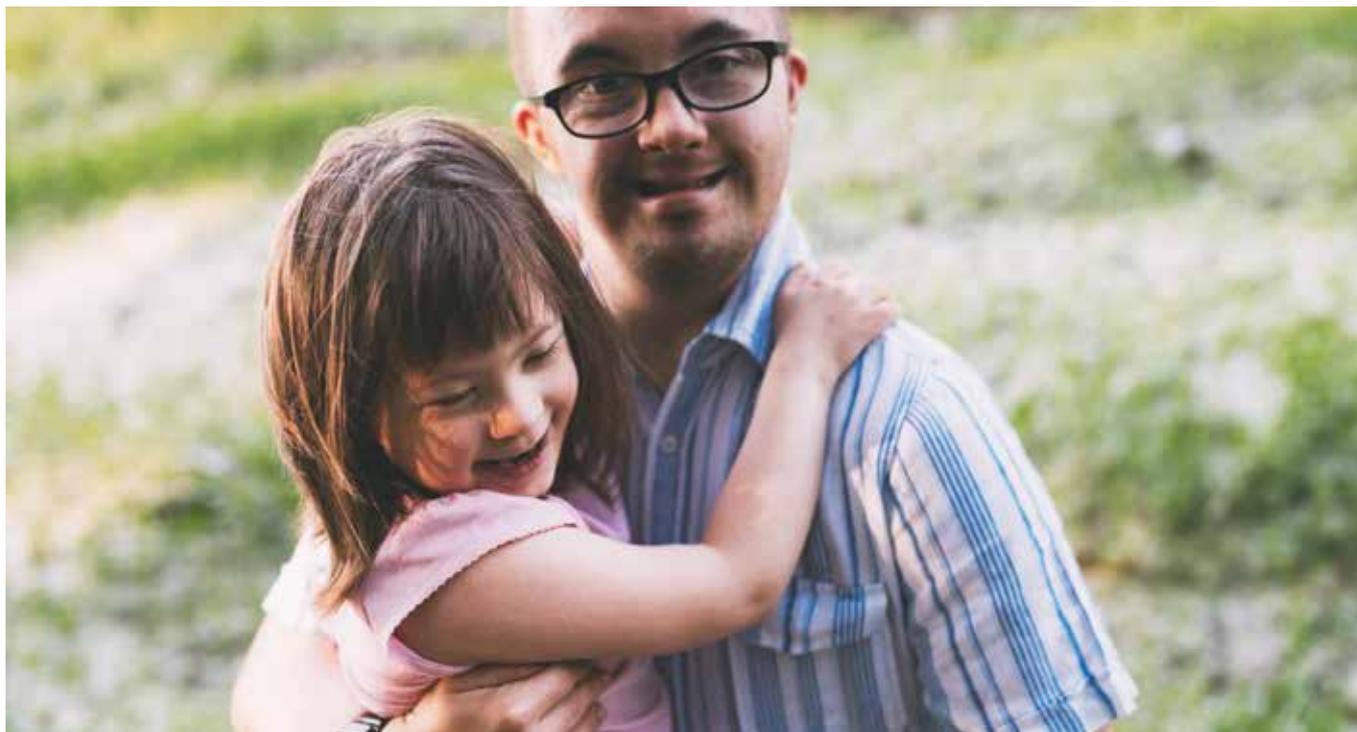
Matching and Making Placements

It is important to the motivation, enjoyment and retention of our foster carers, that all children they looked after are suitably matched to their family life.

Matching will be based on things like age, race, religion, culture, ability, disability, sex and sexuality, possible risks, and any special skills or training the carers have. In every case, we will match as closely as we possibly can.

If any children placed with you are from a different ethnicity or culture to your own, or a child has specific health needs, practical and emotional support, and training will be provided to ensure that everyone's individual needs are met.

As one of our carers, you will be involved with the matching process for every child you look after. You will be given as much information as possible to help you decide if you are able to meet the child's needs. The final decision about accepting a placement will reside completely with the you as the carer and we will respect your honesty if you do not feel that a child is suitable for what you have to offer.



Supervision, Support and Training for Our Foster Carers

Our service is committed to providing the highest quality of provide regular practical and emotional support, supervision and training to our foster carers.

We view it as our paramount responsibility to safeguard and uphold the welfare of all of our foster families.

Foster carers can expect at least a monthly visit from their Supervising Social Worker, or more if it is needed. There is also an “Out of Hours” telephone support service and a “Buddy” system where our carers offer one another like-minded support and advice.

Our carers can also expect to receive:

- Access to a weekly clinical drop in service
- Access to a duty worker in the absence of the supervising social worker
- Foster carers support groups
- Long service awards
- Access to a members area of the agency website to access policies, procedures and
- the fostering handbook
- Up to 4 weeks paid holiday
- Fostering newsletter
- Invitation to participate in a monthly consultation group with the service manager
- Social events
- Support and training for birth children of foster carers
- Discounts for local amenities
- Membership to The Fostering Network



Ongoing Training

Our foster carers will be provided with a complete package of training that will help them to develop as individuals and professionals.

Ongoing courses are provided both pre and post approval to give our carers with the best understanding of the fostering role, the impact of early attachment on children, and how to respond to a range of emotional or behavioural issues.

Being a therapeutic foster carer will not mean becoming a therapist, but it will mean that you will be supported to feel confident in using a range of psychologically based parenting techniques that will help a child move towards reaching healthy developmental milestones.

Annual Reviews for Foster Carers

Every fostering household will have a review every 12 months. This is known as the Annual Foster Home Review and it will allow the carer and the agency to reflect on the previous 12 months and also plan for the year ahead.

Following this first review and every following third review, you will be presented back to Fostering Panel for their recommendations.

A carer can at any point give written notice if they wish to resign from their role. In this case, approval will be terminated 28 days after the receipt of the notice.

Foster Carer Fee and Allowances

Once you are approved and have a child living with you, you will receive a weekly fostering fee paid to you directly.

Our fostering fee enhanced rate as it reflects the amount of training and level of therapeutic input expected from our carers.

In addition, you will receive a weekly maintenance allowance for the child to cover things like pocket money, savings and clothing. Information will be given to you that clearly states how much money you should set aside every week for each of the child's allowances.

There are special tax arrangements for foster carers meaning that the allowance does not usually affect any benefits you receive or tax you pay.

Every year, you will get a statement that lists all of your payments for the previous year.



Insurance

We have a comprehensive insurance package in place which fully covers all agency activities.

This includes Personal and Public Liability, Employers Liability, Professional Indemnity and covers all of the work that we or our clinical team will do with you and the children in your home. When you are approved as carers, we will make

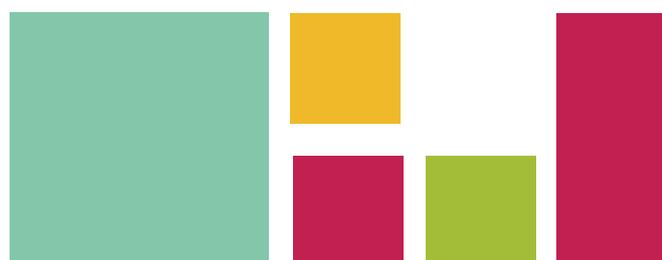
sure you have advice and guidance on how to make sure your own household and other insurances, such as car and holiday cover meet your needs in your new fostering role.

Commitment to Equality and Diversity

Our service is committed to celebrating the diversity that exists in the communities around us.

As a result, we aim to uphold diversity in all areas of our service provision. Everyone within our agency, our employees, carers, children and young people are treated equally and are free to work safely, without discrimination or harassment of any kind. It is our aim to create a welcoming, "family" environment, where everyone is valued and respected.

As a service we will endeavour to recognise and build on your personal strengths and skills to help you achieve your full potential.



Our Commitment to Customer Service

We are completely committed to providing you with efficient and courteous customer service at all times.

It is for this reason that:

When you telephone us...

We will answer your call in a timely fashion and aim to answer your query right away. If the person you are calling to speak to is unavailable, or the person you are speaking with cannot answer your query, we will take a full message and get back to you as soon as possible, this will be no more than one working day.

If a member of staff is away from the office, their telephone will be diverted to another member of staff, or out of hours to a generic voicemail service so that other staff can pick up and respond to your query.

The staff you speak to will be professional and polite at all times.

When you visit us...

If you are visiting our offices, you will always be greeted by a member of our reception staff, who will make sure that you are signed in. Punctuality is important to us and the member of staff you are visiting will be on time for your appointment. A member of staff will accompany you around our building.

There are ground floor facilities to accommodate people with disabilities as required.

When we visit you...

Any staff visiting you will arrive at the time agreed. If there is an issue with the arrival time, a member of staff will call ahead to inform you in advance. All of our staff will carry a full identification card, which they will show to you on their first visit to you.

When you write to us...

If you chose to write a letter to us regarding any enquiries or fostering issues, we will aim to respond to you within 5 working days. If this is not possible, we will always call you to let you know that we have received your letter and provide you with information on how we are progressing your query.

Any letters we write to you will be clearly written, in an easy to understand way.

If there is anything you are unclear about within the content of any written correspondence, please contact us so that we can resolve your concerns.

When you email us...

When we receive an email from you, we will aim to respond within one working day. Our support email is checked daily so enquiries can be picked up as quickly as possible.

If you are emailing a specific member of staff who is out of the office for more than 24 hours, an appropriate "out of office" reply will be provided. This will offer you the details of another member of staff that can help you if your concern needs a more immediate response.

Your Information

We are committed to ensuring that all information we receive is handled in line with the principles of the Data Protection Act 1998 and the General Data Protection regulations 2018.

Complaints

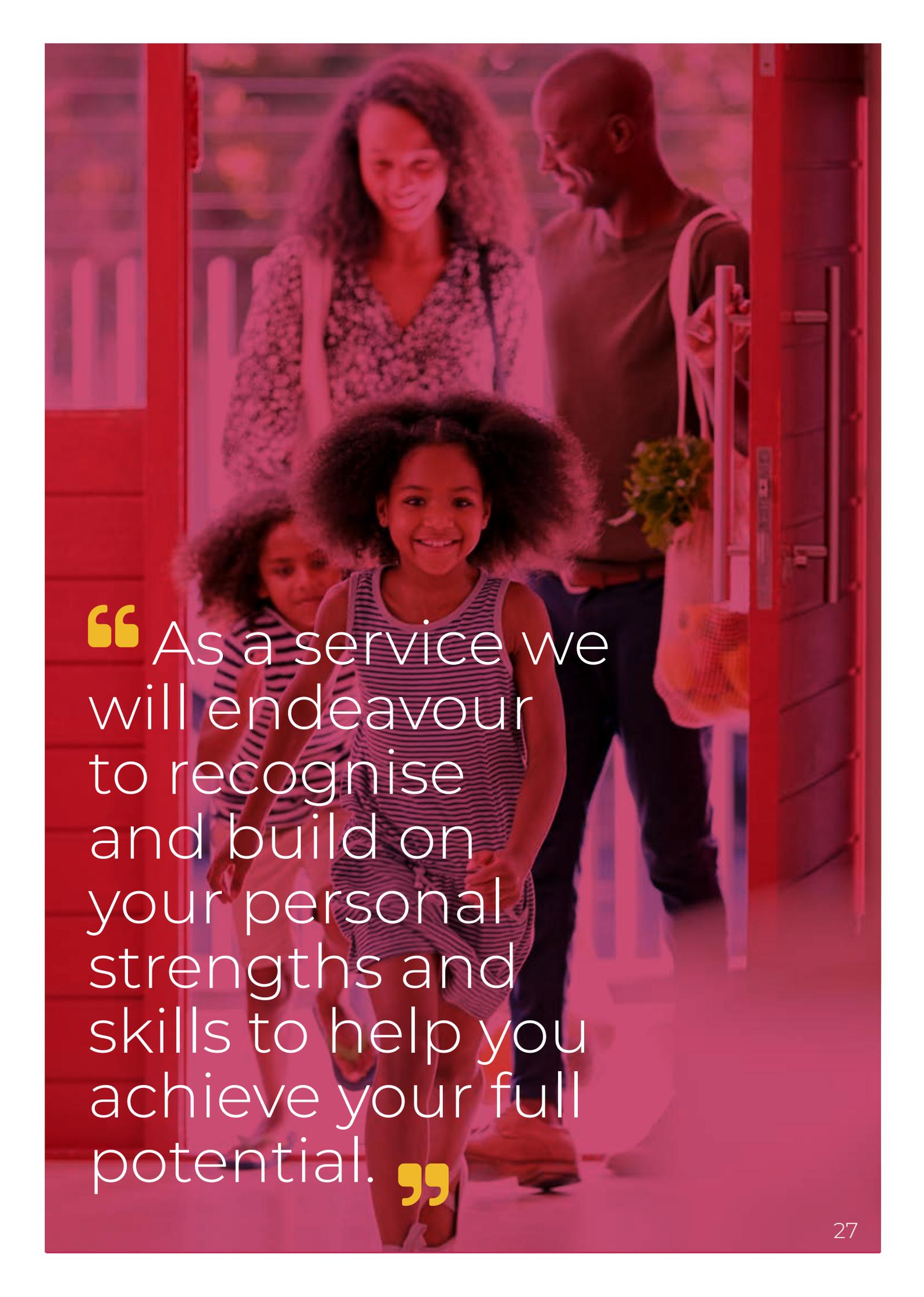
Everyone we come into contact with has a right to receive a professional and quality service. If you feel this has not happened, you have a right to complain.

It is our policy to make sure our complaints process is accessible, effective, fair and independent.

Our complaints process has three levels. The first step strives to resolve issues as quickly and informally as possible and we will work with you to agree an outcome which is satisfactory to everyone involved. In situations where this cannot happen, a decision will be taken as to whether it progresses to stage 2, or stage 3 where we are happy to seek the support of an independent investigator who will seek to achieve a satisfactory solution for everyone involved.

All of our foster carers will be given a full copy of our complaints procedure.





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Frequently Asked Questions

Can I still foster if I am single and or/a single parent?

Yes, you can foster if you are single, married or in a relationship. If you are a single parent, the needs of you child/ children will be considered as part of the full assessment process. As long as you are confidently and comfortably able to meet the needs of all of the children within your care, this should not prevent you from fostering for us.

Will fostering potentially affect my children, grandchildren and other family members?

Fostering involves the whole family and there will definitely be a role for your birth children, both living at home, or adult children and grandchildren living elsewhere. All of your birth children will be included in the application and assessment process, your Assessing Social Worker will meet with them to discuss their thoughts and feelings about fostering and to answer any

questions that they may have. Once you are approved as a foster carer, your birth children will have access to ongoing support from your Social Worker to help them through any challenges that they face as a result of being part of a fostering family. There will also be "Children Who Foster" groups to help them meet other like minded children whose families chose to be foster carers.

Can I foster if I am gay?

Yes, your sexuality does not affect your ability to foster. We are an inclusive and diverse service that welcomes applications from people regardless of gender, sexuality, marital status, race or religion.

What challenges could I expect?

Looking after a fostered child is a complex and challenging role. Every child has his or her own particular set of needs and the task of a foster carer is to meet those needs and help them to reach their full potential. Children and young people need looking after for a range of different reasons, this usually includes abuse or neglect. Children's individual needs will vary hugely and the challenges you face might

be different from day to day. No matter what the difficulties, we will support you and your family every step of the way, through your allocated Supervising Social Worker, training and access to other like minded carers. With the correct support, fostering is a hugely rewarding task that can deliver overwhelming outcomes for children, young people and the families who look after them.

Do I need to own my home, or can I be renting?

No, you can foster if your home is rented, however the tenancy must be in your name, with no risk or eviction or rent arrears. As part of the assessment process we will seek references from either your landlord if rented, or the bank if you have a mortgage.

Do I have to be able to drive?

Being able to drive isn't essential, however, it will be important that you have access to suitable transport so that you can carry out all of the duties required of a foster carer. These include getting the child or young person to and from school or contact safely, attending appointments, meetings and training.

Frequently Asked Questions

Can I foster if I have a long-term health condition?

Yes, we welcome all applicants to foster for our service. As long as you are able to fully meet the needs of a child in your care, many health conditions should not prevent you from fostering. The application will carry out a full medical examination that will make a recommendation

about your fitness and ability to care for children, this includes an assessment of your physical and psychological health. Any health condition that you have might mean that we need to match you more carefully with the children you look after.

Is there an age limit for fostering?

There is no upper age limit for fostering. As long as you are over 21 and are able to evidence that you are fit enough to care for the children, then your application will be considered. Throughout the assessment, younger applicants will need to evidence their maturity and specific experience that will enable them to cope with the responsibility of the fostering role.

Do I have to be a British citizen to foster?

No, you do not have to be a British Citizen to Foster, however, you do have to have the right to remain in the UK to foster. We welcome applicants from a range of nationalities, however, we will need to carry out statutory checks in order to evidence your right to remain within the UK.

Can I foster if I smoke?

Smoking will not necessarily prevent you from fostering, however it is a requirement that you do not smoke in your home or in your car. Having anyone who smokes within the household will also limit the age range of children you are able to foster.

Will a Police record stop me from fostering?

As an equal opportunities organisation, we will assess each potential foster carer on an individual basis. We will encourage you to disclose any convictions you have at the earliest stage possible so that we can advise you correctly. Every applicant to our service will have a full DBS check carried out, however early disclosure will be important.

What if I don't get on with the children?

It is natural to worry that you will not get on with the children placed within your home. To help create the best match for you, there will be a full pre-placement planning process, which you will be included in. This will give you as much information as possible, and where appropriate, the opportunity to meet the child. This will help you and us, make the best decision about the right family for each individual who needs our care. Matching the right child with the right carers is one of the most important factors in ensuring a placement is successful, for you, your family and the child.

Can you still foster working full time?

This is something we would assess on a case by case basis. As our service is a therapeutic intervention, it will be important for you to be able to manage to meet the full needs of the child, as well as attend regular clinical appointment and training. Flexibility around the needs of the child will be a central part of your role. Some carers can find it difficult to balance the child's needs with the demands of a full time job. However, some carers do successfully combine flexible or part-time working patterns with being a foster carer.

Frequently Asked Questions

Can I apply to foster with The Family Psychology Fostering Service if I have been turned down by my Local Authority or another agency?

Yes, we welcome enquiries from anyone interested in fostering. Each enquiry will be assessed on an individual basis. It is important that you let us know as early as possible about any prior applications so that we can fully understand the reasons behind their decisions. However, this does not mean that we will

draw the same conclusions. We will always assess each application independently. If you have fostered for or applied to another agency, as part of the statutory checks, we will be required to contact them for a full reference and/or for their account of the reason for declining your application.

Will I get paid for looking after a child?

Yes, the amount you will receive is split into two components, the foster carer fee and the maintenance allowance. As The Family Psychology Fostering Service is a therapeutic intervention, all of our fees are at an enhanced rate. See Foster Carer Fees and Allowances Section.

Will I get paid if I have no placements?

No, as a foster carer you will be self-employed and will only be paid when you have a child or young person in your care. Once you are approved we will endeavour to ensure you have placements regularly. Having flexibility in your preferences for children's ages and types of fostering you are open to providing will help to create better opportunities for matching you with the children we are asked to provide care for.

Will I have to pay extra tax if I receive money for fostering?

Foster carers in the UK are subject to special tax arrangements which means you will pay much lower levels of tax.

Do I need specific qualifications to foster?

No, you do not need a formal qualification to foster for us. As part of your assessment you will be provided with our bespoke Skills to Foster training, which will give you as much information as possible about the Fostering Services National Minimum Standards as well as provide you with a comprehensive overview of the therapeutic strategies you will be using in your fostering role. The assessment process will also help you to identify and

build upon the skills you already have. When you are approved to foster, you will be supported to achieve the Training, Support, and Development Standards for Foster Care. There will also be several additional training programmes for you to attend that will ensure that you have all of the knowledge and skills you might need to carry out the role of a therapeutic foster carer.

Can I foster if I have pets?

Having pets does not prevent you from fostering, in fact, they can be a valuable therapeutic influence within a foster home. Every animal is different and your pets will be assessed as part of the process of becoming a foster carer. This will take into account factors such as their

temperament, their behaviour and how they respond to children and regular visitors. As a pet owner, you also need to think about how you would feel and react if a child injures one of your pets. Although this does not happen often, it is a possibility.

Next Steps

If you are interested in fostering for us, please contact us to organise an initial visit with one of our Supervising Social Work team. If you have any questions or require any further information, please contact us on the number below.

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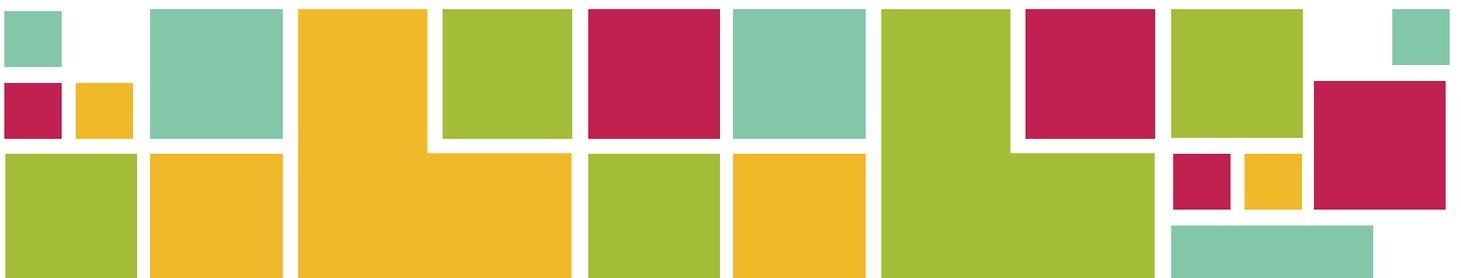
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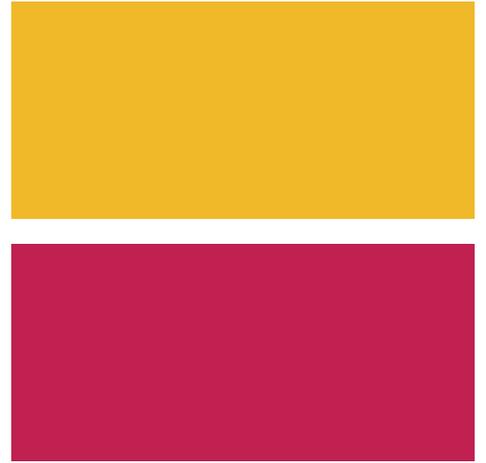
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