



What they say

There are many people out there who have lots to say about our fostering service. From social workers and our carers, to our fostered children and children of carers – there has been so much feedback generated over the years. For today's penultimate bulletin, we are sharing some of these with you.

From a Social worker:

"If there were awards for excellent service this couple would truthfully be one of the carers I would pick, I rate them so highly."

"I am been extremely satisfied with the level of care provided. The family have been very warm and welcoming to the children whilst still providing strong guidance and boundaries."

"They clearly work hard with the young person to meet his needs and they are keen to ensure he has the best outcomes, whilst in their care and when he moves on into independence."

"I am pleased with the relationship the carers have developed with the young person and they demonstrate a clear commitment towards helping him to develop"

"They embrace young people into the folds of their family completely."

"She has provided a positive placement and her involvement has meant I don't need to worry so much about the young person."

"I am really pleased with the placement and the level of care provided by her. She has been particularly supportive of her foster son's educational needs and has worked with the school to devise an alternative package and education offsite."

"This couple continue to offer a really good level of commitment and care."

From a foster carer:

"Sharing information at team meetings is useful, as well as talking about different experiences and learning more from different suggestions and ideas."

"It's good to talk to everyone else in the team. It helps to share thoughts and know others are with you and you are not alone."

"It is very helpful to find common experiences and to share best practice and ways forward as well as sympathy for difficult behaviour."

"My supervising social worker is very clear and straightforward. I feel supported."

"It's lovely to see young people feel safe and happy in our home and want stay with us."

From a fostered child:

"They are really nice and helpful and I love their two boys."

"They listen to me loads."

"She supports me 100% with my health."

"Z felt the last year with the family had gone really well and she is very happy with them all."

"Being with this family is easy, I just feel accepted."

From a child/young person whose family fosters:

An 11 year old son in a fostering family told the supervising social worker he gets on very well with a young girl fostered with them and thinks of her as a sister.

"We enjoy playing footie in the park with our foster brother."

"It's been an up and down year but all families are like that and we still all really want to foster."



You can hear more from our carers and young people on our website and in the fostering e-bulletins.

Quiz question 9

Name four types of fostering placements

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