

Fostering for Wolverhampton

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Foster Parents Engagement 2022-2023

Esther Douglas and Cate Robinson

Ofsted 2022 – rated as Good

- Foster parents feel welcomed and supported
- Foster Parents feel supported from social workers and have a good range of training available to them
- Children benefit from the therapeutic support and training offered to foster Parents
- Children live in homes, with foster parents who know their needs.
- Higher than comparator local authority's for Staying Put.

Training update

From March 2022 – training became hybrid (virtual and face to face)



Training Calendar 2022-2023 sample

DATE	COURSE TITLE	TIMES	VENUE	ADDITIONAL INFORMATION	FACILITATOR
MARCH 2023					
Friday 03-03-2023	PERMANENCE FOR Y/People & Children in Care	10-12	Priory Green	All Cares (inc. SPECIAL GUARDIANSHIP ORDER SGO & Linking and Matching)	Emma Bradbury and Tania Watkins
Tues-Thu 07-09/03/23	SKILLS TO FOSTER MAINSTREAM	10.00-15.30	Priory Green	For Potential Mainstream Carers	Esther Douglas Recruitment and assessment & FC
Thursday 09-03-2023	Life Story and Life Journey Work	09.30-14.30	PRIORY Green Board room	Therapeutic Life Journey Work & Identity	Tanya Watkins and Megan Clarke A-Practitioner
Friday 10-03-2023	Parenting Children with Shame-Based Difficulties Workshop	13.00-14.30	MS TEAMS	All CARER inc SGO Therapeutic Parenting Trauma and Attachment Workshop	Joginder Shoker-Kang & Esther Douglas
Mondays 13-03-2023 – 27-03-2023	TALKING TEENS Nurturing Programme	10.00-13.00	Priory Green	3 weeks From the Nurturing Programme Understanding and Managing behaviours	Esther Douglas and Monica Evans
DEVELOPMENTAL DAY					
Thursday 16-03-2023	Forum	9.30 – 11.30	Priory Green		Sarah Brown & Usha Jassal
Thursday 16-03-2023	ST PATRICKS DAY	12.00-14.30	Priory Green	Celebrating Diversity	Esther Douglas Diversity TEAM
3 rd Friday PCM 17-03-2023	Therapeutic Parenting REFLECTIVE PRACTICE SESSION	13.00-14.30	MS TEAMS All Carers who have completed the CAMHS or Fostering Programme	BY INVITATION 3 rd FRIDAY OF THE MONTH For All who've completed the programme	Joginder Shoker-Kang and Esther Douglas
Wed- Thurs 22,23-03-2023	Pediatric First Aid 2 days	09.30 – 15.30	Priory Green		PD Training Solutions
Wednesday 22-03-2022	Caring For Baby	10-12.30	Priory Green		Nija Neonatal Nurse
Thursday 23-03-2023	Child Development	09.30-13.00	Priory Green	Early Years Team	Faye Boucher & Rachel Cook
Thursday 30-03-2023	Working with Children from a different Ethnicity	09.30 –14.30	Priory Green	Mandatory Hair, Skin & Health Care	Ruth South Esther Douglas
Monday 27-03-2023	Nurturing & TEENS Support Group	12.30-14.00	MS TEAMS	Mandatory	Esther Douglas & FC
Tuesday 28-03-2023	Supporting CAYP in Education SEND	09.30-13.00	Priory Green	In-corporates Anxiety & Exams	Virtual School Team

Additional Training for 2022 – 2023

- Therapeutic Life Journey Work
- Understanding the Court Process
- Children and Young people in Care and their Health

Fostering and
Equality, Diversity and
Inclusion team
Safeguarding Training
2022 – 2023

- Sexual Orientation, Sexuality & Gender
- Safeguarding Children Racial Trauma, Equality & Diversity
- Caring for Children from Across Borders

Celebrating Diversity



Fostering Recruitment



Annual
Foster Parent
Conference
July 2022





Celebrating Kinship Week

Scrap book event to celebrate our wonderful connected and SGO carers – October 2022

For the Love of Fostering Awards





Easter Eggstravaganza Party & Picnic in the Park



Monica and Mark's Journey



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Pindi's Journey



Raychel's Journey

Annual Foster Parent Survey

- 99 responses
- 44% engagement rate – an increase on last year
- Qualitative feedback rather than quantitative so really useful themes to support the development of the service
- Results shared at the Forum along with actions to follow
- Included in an e-bulletin “**You said – We Listened**”

Fostering
e-bulletin –
launched
March 2023

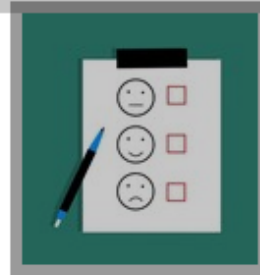
Fostering e-bulletin

April 2023, Issue 2.

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Welcome...



Foster Parent Survey feedback...

Thank you to all who completed the foster parent survey as we want foster parents to shape how we deliver the service.

Things we are doing well:

90% of you are happy with the support from your social worker.

94% feel the support accessed has been positive

90% feel the relationship between your social worker and the child's social worker is an effective team around the child.

Following the survey we have pledged to make the following changes...

You said – 41% have never attended or heard of the foster parents forum.

We Listened – Agenda and minutes will be circulated to all. Forums will be face to face, run by the Support Team social workers Sarah Cornwall and Usha Jassal. Service Manager Cate Robinson will attend all. We will talk about



Foster Parent 'shout-outs'...

Recognition to:

- Debbie & Shaun

- Nathaniel & Winnie

-Pindi & Kuldip

Debbie & Shaun

Deb has been wonderful to work with, the whole process so far has been seamless, and this is largely due to Deb's commitment and support.

Nathaniel & Winnie have been working so hard with the young person

New for 2023-2024



Events to include all ages – Wolves Play Café and Teens



Representatives on the Parent / Carers Forum as part of #YES



All new training offer



Service Manager to attend all forums



Portal development (inc training portal)



Greater social media presence and interaction

NEW FOR 2023

Therapeutic Parenting

Nurturing Attachment, Parenting Traumatized Children in
Care

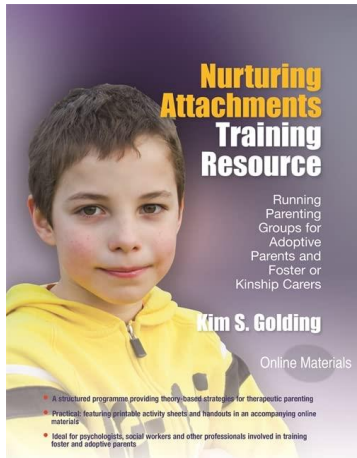
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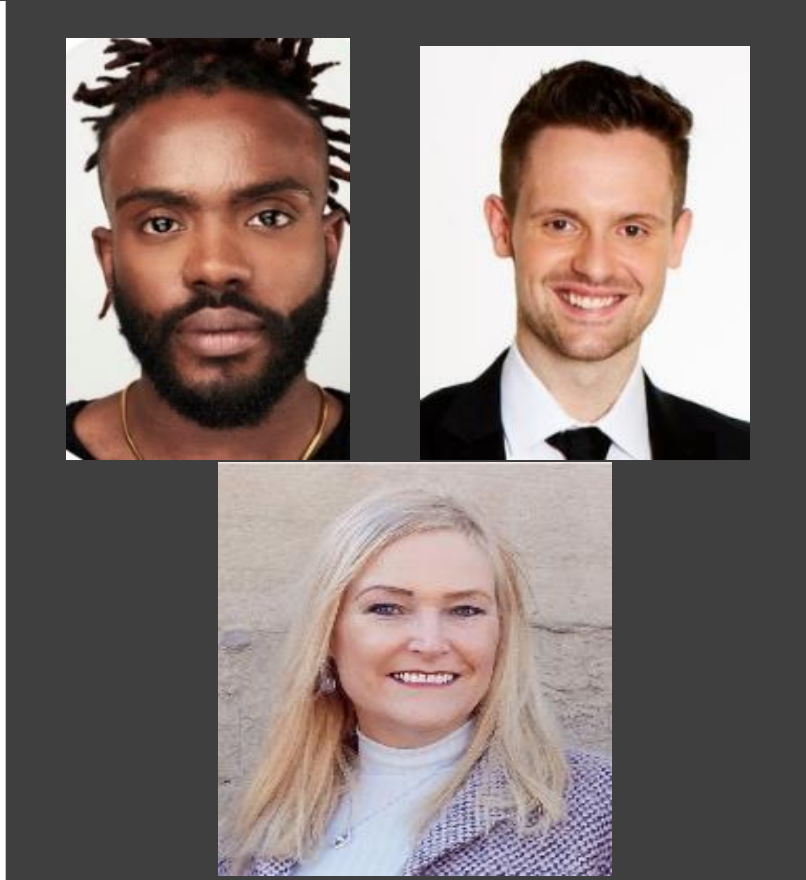
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Nurturing Programme

4-week Talking Teens

- Self-Harm
- Helping Children Who Are Angry
- BLOCKED CARE /TRUST
- Parenting Children with Shame-based Difficulties
- Parenting with PACE – Playful Acceptance Curiosity and Empathy





Foster Parent Annual Conference 2023

“Time after Time”

Foster Parents Business Page

Not just Supporting our
Parents Emotional,
Socially but
Economically

Poster Designed by
Major Reaction Studios
Richard Lyn-Kew
Foster Carer



Foster Carers Business Page

Do you own a business or provide a service that you would like to promote i.e. Food, Hair, Design, Theatre, ICT, Media production, Holiday home, Gardening, Beauty etc.

We are trying to create a service directory so we can support each other by

Friday 25th June 2021



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Please forward your
information to Fostering
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Conclusion

Foster Parent Engagement continues to be key priority as it allows foster parents to feel a part of the Service and is an area we look to improve year on year.



Thank you for listening.
Any Questions?

