

## Transferring to Nottinghamshire County Council

Making the move to the Council's fostering service is easy. In the first instance, contact the fostering recruitment team for a confidential discussion on 0845 301 8899.

If you then want to find out more, we will send you a fostering information pack which contains a 'Request for further information' form for you to complete. This will enable one of our supervising social workers to contact you and arrange to visit you at home.

If you decide to make an application, you will need to inform your agency of your intention. We will then request permission from you to speak to your agency, to enable us to view/request your Form F Assessment and records.

We will allocate you a supervising social worker to support and guide you through the process speedily and efficiently.



# Fostering for us

Information for carers who  
foster for other providers

*"We transferred to Nottinghamshire four years ago from an IFP in Nottingham; the process was very good, with a smooth and efficient transition. Four years on and we continue to foster for Nottinghamshire County Council."*

*Nottinghamshire foster carers*

*"We transferred from an IFP and could not have asked for a more relaxed and smooth service."*

*Nottinghamshire foster carers*

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# Fostering for Nottinghamshire County Council

As a local authority it is our responsibility to find suitable foster homes for all of our 'looked after' children. We want to keep Nottinghamshire children in local foster homes, enabling them to remain in their own community and minimising further distress and disruption to their lives.

For many children in care, it is important that they are able to keep in regular contact with their birth family or remain in stable education, therefore, our focus is on matching children to the right foster home.



## What we offer

Our fostering service has an excellent reputation for its **support and training packages** and offers **generous allowances** which can match or better those paid by Independent Fostering Providers.

We provide foster carers with access to their own **supervising social workers** who visit on a regular basis, to ensure carers are well **trained and supported** to develop strong relationships throughout their fostering careers.

We have a number of **fee paid fostering schemes**, offering enhanced allowances in addition to the **regular weekly allowances**, which include regular **breaks and access to professional support agencies**.

We will listen to you and work with you, to make sure the children you care for are a good match for you and your circumstances.

## Support for you

- Out of hours telephone support line
- Out of hours emergency duty team
- Large family transport allowances (where eligibility criteria is met)
- Local training, briefings and seminars
- A dedicated website
- Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services and a dedicated specialist family support worker for therapeutic support/intervention
- A Virtual School Co-ordinator/Corporate Parenting Consultant for advice, involvement and direction in respect of a child's educational attainments and achievements
- A Youth Services Co-ordinator to enable the development of leisure, sports and arts opportunities for looked after children
- Looked After Health Services, including drug use, teenage pregnancy, sexual health, alcohol/solvent abuse, diet and fitness
- Carer involvement in local foster carer support groups, in quarterly foster carer liaison and advisory meetings and in the foster carers' own magazine
- Family Workers who work with child and carer to promote improved family relationships and prevent placement breakdown
- Placement support meetings