Your journey to become a foster carer

Expression of Interest: Complete an Enquiry Form online

Telephone call with a member of the fostering team

Informal checks: Background checks on our systems

Initial Visit: A social worker visits you at home

Application form completed. Application to foster begins the date this is signed.

Allocated to a Supervising Social Worker, who will complete your fostering assessment

Skills to Foster Training: 6 group training sessions, delivered by the fostering team. The course must be fully completed (by both applicants if part of a couple).

Introduction to Therapeutic Parenting—4 hour group training course

Meet young people at the **Million Voices** session

Stage One:
Personal References
Employment References
Education References
DBS
Local Authority Checks
Former Partner Reference
Fostering Medical
Confirmation of ID

+ Any other checks deemed necessary

Stage One is completed when all necessary checks are returned.

Stage Two:
Fostering Assessment Visits - Usually around 6-8 visits from your Supervising Social Worker.
Discussions around family background
Education & employment history
Former and current relationships
Childcare experience
Training and development needs
Matching considerations
Discussions with birth children, other household members
Terms of approval

Fostering Panel:
Your full fostering assessment is presented to an independent fostering panel.

Recommendation to approve as foster carer(s)

Recommendation not to approve as foster carer(s)

Recommendation: Defer making a recommendation. Further information is required, returned to panel at a later date

Agency Decision Maker (ADM) makes a decision on your approval

Applicants can apply to the Independent Reviewing Mechanism (IRM) to appeal the decision.

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