

Aims & Objectives of Perth & Kinross Council Fostering Service

Statement of Purpose

The Fostering Service in Perth & Kinross Council recruits, assesses, supports and supervises registered foster carers for those children and young people who have been assessed as requiring a foster placement on a respite, temporary or permanent basis. The Service also undertakes the same duties in respect of short breaks carers for children with additional support needs.

PKC Fostering Service works to support the children and young people who are looked after away from home to experience a nurturing and caring family environment in their local community. Through enhanced prevention and support we work to improve wellbeing and optimise the life chances of vulnerable children and young people.

“Our commitment as Corporate Parents will focus on securing stable, nurturing and caring environments; supporting young people to remain and achieve in school; continuing in care beyond the leaving age; enhancing opportunities for positive post-school destinations; and providing ongoing support into early adulthood up to the age of 26 years.” (The Tayside Plan for Children, Young People and Families, 2017-2020, p.13)

AIMS

- Provision of high quality, safe and stable family placements which will promote and contribute to positive outcomes for our looked after children
- To match placements using a child centred approach to ensure the development, learning and achievement of each individual child is supported
- Provision of a range of fostering resources to meet the variety of needs of children and young people in Perth & Kinross
- Provision of quality and inclusive support to registered foster carers ensuring their views are recorded and represented
- Provision of a variety of training opportunities relevant to the children and young people who are in placement; and which encourages foster carers' professional learning and development
- Respond within agreed timescales to enquirers and with appropriate information regarding the fostering task
- Recruitment of a diversity of foster carers to meet a range of needs
- Support for foster carers and children throughout the teams and out of hours services seven days a week, 24 hours a day

OBJECTIVES

- To ensure that the service provided to children, young people, foster carers, and birth families meets the requirements of relevant legislation and regulations and the National

Care Standards for Foster Care and Family Placement Services; and PKC policies and procedures

- To ensure the participation of children, young people, birth and foster families in the development of the service
- To consult with our partners and stakeholders regarding the quality of the service we provide and use the comments and suggestions to inform our practice development
- To undertake the preparation, assessment, training, support and supervision to foster carers in order that they develop their skill in providing reparative care
- To provide consistent support and supervision to staff within the Fostering Service and regular training and development opportunities to ensure best practice in their role with foster carers and children and young people in placement.