

AIMS AND OBJECTIVES OF ABERDEENSHIRE COUNCIL FOSTERING SERVICE

Statement of Purpose

Aberdeenshire Council's Fostering Service recruits, assesses, trains, supports and supervises Foster Families for children who require an alternative family placement for respite, temporary or permanent care.

Aberdeenshire Fostering Service works to ensure that every child placed in an alternative family placement will be valued and helped to realise their potential.

The vision of the Scottish Government is that children should be valued by ensuring that they are safe; nurtured; healthy; achieving; active; respected and responsible; and included, provides a basis for the practice of Aberdeenshire's Family Placement Service as a whole.

The Fostering Service is committed to continuous improvement and best practice, in order to promote good outcomes for children and young people.

Aims

- Provision of secure and stable foster families offering opportunities for children to grow, develop and realise their potential.
- Provision of an effective and integrated fostering service within Aberdeenshire's Child Care Service.
- Provision of a range of fostering resources to meet the needs of children requiring Foster Care.
- Promotion of the protection and safe care of children in Foster Care.
- To ensure that Foster Carers and their families are motivated, trained, skilled and supported to meet the needs of children in their care.
- Promotion of effective outcomes for children and young people in Foster Care placements.
- To respond promptly to recruitment enquiries by providing clear information about training, assessment, approval and support.
- To regard birth families fairly, openly and with respect when their children require the support of the Foster Care Service.

Objectives

- To ensure that the service provided to children, Foster Carers, birth parents and families meets the legislative requirements and the National Care Standards for Foster Care and Family Placement Services.
- Preparation, training and assessment of Foster Carers, to develop their abilities leading to the best possible outcomes for children.
- Provision of quality support and supervision with clear direction to the fostering workforce, offering opportunities for skills development.
- Operation of the service within the legislative framework, including national care standards and Aberdeenshire's policies and procedures.
- To consult on the quality of the service and use feedback to inform development.
- To promote the participation of children, young people, their families and foster families in service development.

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