

## Fostering and Adoption Service

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<b>Phone:</b>	566011
<b>Opening Times:</b>	9.00 am – 5.00 pm Monday – Thursday 9.00 am – 4.30 pm Friday

**Service aims:** This Service is a Registered Fostering Agency responsible for the recruitment, assessment and support of foster carers. Foster carers include people wishing to provide full time foster care for Looked after Children, family and friends foster care and people wishing to provide short term breaks. The team also assesses family link carers who provide short term breaks for children with a disability and people who wish to provide supportive lodgings to young people in care or homeless young people.

The team has a Duty Service that tries to link children and young people looked after with a placement that meets their needs, this could include foster care, respite care, supportive lodgings or residential care.

**To access the support:** For advice on fostering matters the team can be contacted directly on 566011.

**Method of support:** **Assessment Work** for prospective foster carers, family link carers and supportive lodgings providers

**Training** and group work for foster carers

**Support** to foster carers via a dedicated Support Worker

**Advice** to Children's Services staff and other on fostering issues