

FROM ENQUIRY TO 1ST YEAR REVIEW

ENQUIRY

You have a chat with one of our fostering advisors to see if you meet our basic criteria and if fostering is something you would like to find out more about

HOME VISIT

We meet at your home to discuss fostering in more depth and answer any questions you may have – COVID advice will always be observed

APPLICATION

You submit your application form, and we start to make our checks and obtain references

SKILLS TO FOSTER

You will be invited to attend our preparatory training sessions to learn more about fostering and our SMILE therapeutic parenting approach. These are currently via video link

ASSESSEMENT

An assessor will complete your assessment which is compiled as a document and presented to panel for consideration

PANEL

Your assessment paperwork is read and discussed, and a recommendation is made to the agency decision maker. You are made aware of this recommendation

APPROVAL*

The agency decision maker makes their decision based on the panel's recommendation and if you are approved you will be notified

INDUCTION/TRAINING PROGRAMME

Once you have been approved you will start our comprehensive induction and training programme

REFERRALS/MATCHING

Information is shared with you about young people you may wish to consider, meetings are held to progress this interest, resulting in a decision to arrange an introduction

INTRODUCTION/PLACEMENT

Following a positive introduction, the placement is agreed

1ST ANNUAL REVIEW

You will receive your one year voucher and certificate as part of our Appreciation Award scheme

*Enquiry to Approval takes approximately 4-5 months but is dependent on us obtaining external references and information which can affect the length of time the process takes.