

Journey To Becoming A Therapeutic Foster Carer



Initial Enquiry

Option to chat with an existing carer

Home visit for an initial assessment

Meet our Directors



Make an application



Your Form F assessor is assigned



Form F assessment
Takes 12 weeks

Mid-way review and Skills to Foster training



Foster carer mentor assigned



Panel



Welcome to the Ascent Family



Onboarding
Personal Development Plan



Therapeutic Training



Monthly check-in



First Placement



Settling in your young person with continued support and training



First Annual Review



Celebration of your 1st year



Continuation of your journey

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The Initial Enquiry - this would be approx 30 minutes, a time to find out more about you and your expectations around fostering and for you to find out more about us!



Option to chat with an existing carer - find out more about the day to day of fostering and maybe ask our carers about their fostering journey.



The Initial Assessment - will be conducted by one of our Supervising Social Workers, they will visit your home to assess your environment including the bedroom for the young person.



Meet our Directors - at the end of your initial assessment we invite you to have an informal chat with our directors.



Make an application - the application process will require you to give consent for DBS and medical checks. Employment and personal references would also be required.



Your Form F assessor is assigned - they will guide you through the Form F assessment.



The Form F assessment - will take approx. 12 weeks, where your motivation, expectations of fostering and how you will support and care for the young person in your home will be explored.



The mid-way review - here we would just reflect on how the process is going. You will meet with your assigned Therapeutic Consultant and attend our Skills To Fostering training.



Prior to Panel - you will be assigned your Foster Carer mentor this will be one of our existing carers who will be there to offer help and advise.



Panel - you and your Form F assessor attend panel, your Form F is presented to a panel of independent professionals who will make recommendations on your fostering approval.



Welcome to the Ascent Family - once approved you are officially part of the Ascent Family.



Onboarding - you will be assigned your Supervising Social Worker who will go through all the onboarding procedures which will include your Personal Development Plan.



Your therapeutic training will commence.



Monthly Check-ins - with the team around the foster carer this will include the supervising social worker, therapeutic consultant and the foster carer mentor.



1st Placement - the matching process begins where we identify a child that will join your family.



Settling in your young person - Ascent offers a wide variety of support, which includes carers meetings, carers away days, Therapeutic workshops, online and face to face training, placement support workers.



1st Annual Review - this will review your progress and how your first year of fostering has gone, you and your Supervising Social Worker will attend panel together.



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