



Fostering Advisor role/responsibilities: Information for colleagues

The role of the Fostering Advisor is:

- To provide professional advice to the Agency Fostering Panel, and to the Agency Decision Maker (ADM).
- To provide advice to social workers and managers in relation to fostering and permanence via long term matching in order to promote informed and child centred planning for the children and young people placed in foster care.
- To contribute to the development and review of robust policies and practice in relation to fostering which promote and maintain the safety, welfare, and best outcomes for the children and young people looked after by Bucks Council.
- To provide quality assurance feedback to social workers and managers in relation to the reports presented to the Fostering Panel and Agency Decision Maker to ensure that the appropriate quantity and quality of information is provided, to enable both to effectively undertake the functions of their respective roles.
- To recruit suitable members of the fostering panel and ensure they receive an appropriate induction and ongoing training.

As the Fostering Advisor I am available for consultation regarding advice/guidance on fostering issues, and complex case issues and I am also happy to attend Team Meetings across Children's Services for the case-holding teams.

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