



RHONDDA CYNON TAF COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL

CORPORATE PARENTING BOARD

26TH JANUARY 2023

FOSTERING SERVICE QUALITY OF CARE REPORT 2021/22

**REPORT OF INTERIM DIRECTOR, SOCIAL SERVICES, IN DISCUSSION
WITH THE RELEVANT PORTFOLIO HOLDER, COUNCILLOR G CAPLE**

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1. PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

- 1.1 The purpose of the report is to provide Corporate Parenting Board members with the Annual Fostering Service Quality of Care Report.

2. RECOMMENDATIONS

It is recommended that Members:

- 2.1 Acknowledge the information contained within the report.

3. REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS

- 3.1 This report provides information about the annual fostering service (2021-22) as is required.

4. BACKGROUND

- 4.1 This report is compiled as required under the Regulation and Inspection of Social Care (Wales) Act 2016. Regulation 52 of the Local Authority Fostering Services (Wales) Regulations 2018 also requires the local authority manager to put suitable arrangements in place to establish and maintain a system for monitoring, reviewing and improving the quality of service.



- 4.2 The report itself is attached and highlights the achievements and developments of the Fostering Service during 2021-22.

10 CONCLUSION.

- 10.1 Progress was made during the year in relation to carer support and consultation, foster panel development and working closely with colleagues and partners to provide quality fostering arrangements for children. Priorities for the year ahead:

Future Planning and Developments for the next year

- **Ongoing Consultations to enhance understanding of foster carers, young people, and parents' experiences**
- **An up to date fostering guide available and accessible for foster carers and children**
- **Foster Carer Profiles in place for young people and social workers to improve the matching process**
- **Health and Education information collected specifically to contribute to the monitoring process**
- **Pioneer Foster Carers recruitment and support systems developed across mainstream, and kinship foster carers**
- **Parent and Child Training and development to encourage existing foster carers to transfer to this provision**
- **Foster Wales Recruitment campaign developed to recruit more foster carers locally**
- **Foster Panel training and appraisals to support the Quality Assurance role of the foster panel members**
- **Review the impact of Learning and Development Framework for foster carer training**
- **Develop quality assurance and audit work and to take forward lessons learned.**
- **Further develop systems and processes for monitoring and reviewing quality of service including the functioning of the Fostering Panel in line with The Fostering Panels (Establishment and Functions) (Wales) Regulations 2018.**

- 10.2 A report covering the period 2022-23 will be provided in July 2023.



LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1972

AS AMENDED BY

THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT (ACCESS TO INFORMATION) ACT 1985

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