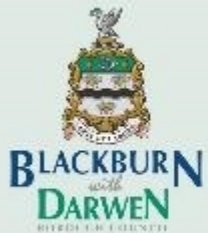


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Regional Fostering Recruitment and Retention Hub



Our shared vision

To have a foster care recruitment service that meaningfully supports, enables and empowers our foster carers to care for all our children in local stable loving family homes.

- The cluster is made up of the following Councils from parts of the North West region: Blackburn with Darwen (lead authority), Cumberland, Westmorland & Furness, Blackpool and Lancashire.



- The publication of Stable Homes, Built on Love, **announced an investment of £27m in a fostering recruitment and retention programme to reform the foster carer's journey, offering additional support through known challenges for Local Authorities.** The funding has been spent on a pathfinder project, Foster with North East, and 9 additional regional clusters of which 'Foster with Us' has been formed based at Livesey Family Hub but covering a large footprint over Lancashire and Cumbria.

Hub Structure

Service Leader



Pamela Price

UASC role



Fatouma Sangyang



Systems and Data Lead

Practice Team Manager

Comms and marketing Lead

Training and Support Officer



Angela McAlary



Vicky Diamond-Gwynne



Emma Mawdesley

Business Support Officer



Khadeejah Sidat

Recruitment coordinator x6



Amanda Hayes, Ruth Bond, Jenny Chapman



Christine Napier, Rebecca Dean, Lisa Smith

Experienced foster carer pool

Foster carer buddy scheme (supervising social worker)



Rachael Harrison

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- Utilise different digital marketing techniques to reach younger carers from more diverse cultures
- Ensure potential carers are aware of the needs of the young people in our care
- Embed foster carers as staff within our Hub who will act as 'experts by experience'


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Peter and Paula applied to become long-term foster carers after their own two sons had grown up! The time felt right and their birth children were able to be a part of the journey as role models 🧑🏻🧑🏻

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"It was just the right time for us; our lads were getting older, which is another reason why we wanted older children and preferably boys – so they could relate to them and act as role models."

Peter & Paula, Foster carers



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Hub Support Offer

- Pre-Approval Training Offer: co-facilitated Skills to Foster training with Hub and each LA. Additional resources from Foster with Us.
- Upskill carers much earlier in the assessment process – bitesize training offer, much more prepared for fostering journey utilising our training lead – offer mirrored for all LA's
- Planned conference facilitated by the Hub focusing on foster care and teenagers, myth busting with speakers who are care leavers/experienced.
- Foster Carer Buddy Scheme – 6-8 experienced carers across the cluster to offer opportunity to answer queries from those yet to apply – broaden views and breakdown myths around who can foster
- Support with application form/advice and a consistent point of contact – a go-to person
- Mirror the speed of IFA response to enquiries – reduce risk of enquirers losing interest and going 'elsewhere'
- Child focused – our phone recordings are by children, art work by children, reminding us why we want to foster and make a difference.

Summer of Fun – official launch

- Foster with us are keen to start the summer with a bang and celebrate all that has been achieved to date whilst remembering why this work is so important and how grateful we are to the existing foster carers across the region. Raising our profile with the media too.
- **Objectives**
 - Put children at the centre by providing fun events to celebrate
 - Raise awareness of FWU and the service it provides to those interested in fostering
 - Update on levels of success to key stakeholders and thanks for your support
 - Thank you to our highly skilled foster carers, without them we wouldn't be able to provide stable homes for our children and young people
 - See handouts with [Summer of Fun launch details and information packs](#)