



Foster Care Council AGM

Wednesday 22nd January 2020

9:30-12:00 Room 267, County Hall

AGM Agenda

1. Introductions & Apologies
2. Welcome to the AGM – Mission Statement
3. Foster Care Annual Review 2019 *DRAFT*
4. Foster Care Council Aims for 2020
5. Membership 2020 & Meetings
6. AOB & AGM Close

FCC Mission Statement

To reinforce open and honest partnership working and co-production between Foster Carers, Children's Social Workers and the Fostering Service to ensure that Foster Carers are supported to care for Derbyshire Children in Care to be the 'best they can be' – Foster Care Charter

FCC BACKGROUND

- Established in April 2016
- Mode of Operation
- Role of Council Members
- Agreed Membership
- 4 meetings per year
- Meaningfully engage & involve Foster Carers in service plans, developments, communication.

Did we meet 2019 FCC Goals

- Strengthen the Foster Carer Charter
- **Poster recirculation, better feedback from FC's re usage**
- **Not yet fully achieved**
- Continue to grow understanding of the FCC
- **Ongoing progress**
- Exit Survey Feedback
- **Not achieved due to lack of resources**
- **Some feedback gathered through other routes**
- How to involve Children and Young People
- **Partly achieved through CiCC**
- **Ruth & Tim attended FCC**
- **Questions from CiCC are used by Foster Panel**
- Photo's of FC Reps
- **Agreed not to do**
- Improve meetings
- rotating chair - **agreed not to do, will be reviewed**
- How Reps feedback to meetings - **standard item on agenda**
- Minutes to include actions - **achieved**

Ofsted Quote

‘The local authority fostering service is a strength, and foster carers state that they feel well supported and respected as professionals, and they speak very highly of the supervising social workers. The fostering panel is effective and is chaired by an experienced panel chair who works to high standards’

*Taken from ICSCS Ofsted Report July 19

What Next for FCC...

Aims for 2020

Relationship building with CSW
Valuing FC's own children

and

Agree Membership for 2020

Elect the chair for 2020 or agree rotating chair

10 Members to be replaced per year

(achieved during the year, recommend no more changes at this AGM)

Resignations/changes in 2019 Maria Slack, Jason Cooper, Kelly Holmes, Jay Nahal, Gwen Roe, Eddie Burton, Tracy McCann, Glennis Binfield, Liz Kirwan, Dawn Stirling

New in 2019 Jane Wojciechowska, Julie Brown, James Pedley, Evanne Wigmore, Louise Noake, Nicola Marshall, Tracey Sealey, Amanda Watson, Suzanne Ellis

2020 dates – 9:30am -11:30am Room 267 County Hall Matlock

- FCC Spring meeting – 1st April
- FCC Summer meeting – 15th July
- FCC Autumn meeting – 7th October
- AGM & Winter meeting – 12th Jan **2021**