

# Foster Hub Home



**Building on from the recent success of the Mainstream Children's Homes, a new innovative home has been developed in partnership with the Fostering team**

Due to the rise in children in care and a national shortage of foster carers for older children, more children are being placed into children's homes (as young as 5 years old right through to 15).

A DfE funding bid for innovation was submitted and successful to support the transformation. Two children, aged between 10-15, will be identified in external children's homes where we believe we can successfully support them into foster care.

The children will move to the Foster Hub Home for a period of 3-6 months where interventions / programmes of work will take place in partnership with the matched foster carers. Children will move to their new foster placement and remain linked to the Foster Hub Home for the duration of the placement.



# Benefits

- Development to Tier 4
- Sleepovers for respite care, planned and unplanned
- Telephone support and outreach
- Rewarding, ensuring children have family placements
- 6-week induction alongside the residential workers
- Support network for the entirety of placement
- Build a relationship with the child 3 – 6 months before the transition
- Use of the hub including meeting room, education room, sensory room and training kitchen

Be part of a first of its kind partnership!

**In addition to the support provided by the hub home and hub home staff, Foster carers matched with young people in the hub will continue to benefit from a **package of Supervision and Support** from the Fostering Team.**



This includes:

- Regular and robust supervision with their named Supervising Social Worker
- Additional support visits and calls whenever needed
- Access to a Fostering Duty worker during office hours and access to out of hours telephone support if needed
- A named experienced 'Foster carer buddy' to provide mentoring and advice from carer to carer
- Access to a varied Foster Carer training offer
- Access to 7 different Foster Carer support groups across the district and a online support group
- A competitive financial offer and free access to Independent Foster Carer Support Service Foster Talk