

# Inspired to become a foster carer?

## Here's what to expect in 8 steps.

# 1

Take the first step - call Fosterline at **0800 040 7675** with any questions or queries that you might have.

# 2

Use Fosterline's impartial **'Find a fostering service'** and **'Recruitment noticeboard'** (<http://www.fosterline.info/recruitment-events/>)

# 3

Contact 2 or 3 fostering services to discuss how your skills and your situation match the fostering service's requirements. In the meantime, contact Fosterline with any questions you have - that's what we're here for.

# 4

Complete an application form for assessment by the fostering service you have chosen.

# 5

Once accepted, you'll enter the assessment process with a fostering service. This will take approximately 6-8 months. This is a 2 stage process consisting of a number of mandatory checks and an assessment of your motivations and ability to foster.

# 6

You will be invited to attend a fostering panel who will read the submitted reports and ask any relevant questions. You will receive a verbal recommendation from the panel.

# 7

Confirmation of the fostering service's decision will be provided in writing including information of the appeals process if unsuccessful. Call Fosterline to discuss your options.

# 8

If successful you are now an approved foster carer and waiting for an appropriate match for your first child or young person. Congratulations! Remember Fosterline is here to support you throughout your fostering career.

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your fostering advice service

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