



## Fosterline's Annual Report 2017

FosterTalk's annual report on their delivery of Fosterline England's support service for current and prospective foster carers has now been published. Fosterline's service use has continued to grow with over **225,000** engagements achieved by the end of Year 4, with 86% of service users rating Fosterline as good to excellent and as a result of the **#OneMoreHome** campaign, the number of enquiries from prospective foster carers has grown. To read a copy of the annual report, click [here](#).

## Social Return on Investment

In 2017, FosterTalk commissioned an independent evaluation of the social return on investment generated by Fosterline. Analysis\* showed that Fosterline generated a social return of £7.76 for every £1 of investment. The full report can be read [here](#).

\*During the period from May 2016 until April 2017.

# Welcome to the Fosterline Lowdown

Fosterline's dedicated newsletter for current & prospective foster carers, plus fostering services

## Spring holiday opening hours

### Easter Break

Thursday 29 March	9am-5pm
Good Friday 30 March	closed
Easter Saturday 31 March	closed
Easter Sunday 1 April	closed
Easter Monday 2 April	closed

### May Bank Holidays

Monday 7 May	closed
Tuesday 8 May	9am - 5pm
Monday 28 May	closed
Tuesday 29 May	9am—5pm

Our helpline is available Monday to Friday 9am - 5pm.

**Call 0800 040 7675.**

## Foster Carer Recruitment

Fosterline supports existing foster carers but also plays a role in promoting the recruitment of foster carers particularly where there is a shortage of carers for certain placements. Our **#OneMoreHome** campaign has focused on recruiting foster carers from a variety of religions, from various communities (BME and LGBT) and encouraging people to foster sibling groups, teenagers and unaccompanied asylum seeking children.



For example, Michele and Desmond have turned Josh's life around from being part of the youth offenders programme and having no ambition in life to completing his GCSEs and attending college.

Read their story [here](#). If you have a story to share e-mail: [enquiries@fosterline.info](mailto:enquiries@fosterline.info) For anyone thinking of fostering they can call us for advice on **0800 040 7675**.

## Improved Support for Care Leavers

Children and Families Minister Nadhim Zahawi announced up to £5 million for three new Social Impact Bond projects to support for care leavers into education, employment or training. He also announced the delivery partner for the Care Leaver Covenant, which offers practical support to care leavers such as apprenticeships or work experience.

Read more [here](#).

## Working Together 2018

New guidance has been released in Working Together to Safeguard Children. A copy is available [here](#).



## Be a Friend of Fosterline

Friends of Fosterline

Can you become a Friend of Fosterline? By becoming our Friend, you can help raise awareness of Fosterline as a free valuable resource for current and prospective foster carers and help to recruit more foster carers for particular groups of children.

Can you do any of the following?

- ✓ promote fostering as a career
- ✓ help raise awareness of Fosterline
- ✓ share your story if you are a foster carer, part of a fostering family or a care leaver

Find out more about this voluntary role [here](#).