



## Welcome to Claire Sampson

My name is Claire Sampson and I'd like to take this opportunity to introduce myself as the new Group Manager for a number of services including Fostering. Shelagh Mitchell who was previously in this role has been seconded on a temporary basis to manage the implementation of the Regional Adoption Agency which includes Nottinghamshire, Nottingham City, Derby City and Derbyshire County Council's. Shelagh's temporary departure created a new and exciting opportunity for the same Group Manager to be responsible for a new group of services including; the fostering service, residential homes, the contact service and Looked After Children and Leaving Care. The restructuring of these services into one area will enable them to improve on existing relationships and to create new partnerships that are committed to ensuring the best possible outcomes for our looked after children and our care leavers.



In terms of my background and experience I have worked for Nottinghamshire County Council since 2002 and have a significant amount of experience in a wide variety of teams within children's social work in all geographical areas of the county. I am passionate and committed to achieving excellent outcomes for all children but particularly in relation to our looked after children and care leavers who are some of the most vulnerable in the county. I am excited about the opportunities the new role will bring and I look forward to working with you all in the future.