## Foster Liaison and Advisory Group - FLAG

This group offers all carers, both newly approved and experienced, an opportunity to raise issues and concerns, influence foster care practice and consult on the development of new policies and procedures that directly affect foster carers. Our members were recently invited to attend a presentation made to Councillors of the Children and Young Peoples Committee at County Hall with the opportunity to speak on behalf of Foster Carers.

At each meeting, service updates are provided by Service Director Steve Edwards and Ty Yousaf Fostering &Placements Service Manager, with news on both local and national developments for foster care and looked after children.

Following the AGM in June we now have newly elected members. Julie Harrison has taken over from Clare McDonald as the new Chair, Rachel Cutts is Vice-Chair, Sarah Maiden is Treasurer and Glenn Cutts is Secretary.

The next FLAG meetings will be held on -

- 9 September 2019
- 25 November 2019
- 2 March 2020
- 1 June 2020 with AGM at 7pm followed by the regular meeting

Our guests for September are confirmed as NCC Chief Executive Mr Anthony May and Lead Councillor Mrs Kay Cutts.

Everyone is welcome to attend these meetings which are held at Friend's Meeting House, Rosemary Street, Mansfield. You are welcome to arrive from 7pm for refreshments with the meeting starting at 7.30pm.

If you would like more information about the group or have a topic you would like to be raised at meeting on your behalf, please email <u>bassfost.admin@nottscc.gov.uk</u> or ask your supervising social worker.

Julie Harrison FLAG Chair