


Fostering News - December 2017

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This December we have updates for you on our latest news and discuss our annual 'Roll of Honour' which celebrates fantastic foster carer milestones, plus much more.



[Fostering Service Manager update](#)

Hi everyone,

I hope you are well and enjoying this festive time of year. This will be my last bulletin for six months, as I will be covering a group manager post in the younger adults' team. I will be leaving you in the very capable hands of Dawn Clark-Cain. Dawn has worked in the fostering service for nearly ten years and has been a team manager for nearly three years. Dawn is passionate about fostering and is looking forward to the opportunity to lead the service for the next six months.

I wish you all a happy Christmas and a peaceful new year,

Naomi Russell

Roll of Honour 2017

Please visit [the fostering website](#) to see a list of our foster carers reaching milestones in 2017. A huge congratulations to all of our foster carers who are celebrating 10, 15, 20, 25 and 35 years of fostering for Nottinghamshire County Council this year.

Children who wait

To view profiles for children currently waiting for a foster home in Nottinghamshire, please visit [the fostering website](#). All names have been changed for confidentiality.

If you feel you could offer any of the children a home, or you would like to find out more information about any of the children, please speak to your supervising social worker.



Sons and Daughters 2017

The **sons and daughters of foster carers** play an essential role in welcoming fostered children into their families and we have nearly 200 'children who foster'.

Each October, we **celebrate the vital contribution** that your children make by inviting them to a celebration event. This year we took a group to the Yorkshire Wildlife Park. The weather was kind and we had a great day looking at the animals, playing in the park, having a picnic and visiting the many shops; the sweet shop was particularly popular!

[Find out more](#) about what the children got up to on this fantastic visit.

Children in Care Council

The Children in Care Council is a great way for young people to get involved in shaping the services they receive. To see the 2018 dates for the Child in Care Council groups [visit the fostering website](#).

We need more members for our groups. If any children you care for are interested in joining a group or you want any further information, please contact a member of The Young People's Looked After Team:

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Fostering and adoption website

We hope you are finding the Nottinghamshire [foster carers and adopters website](#) useful for accessing information about training events and news.

All carers should have received a notification of the change from using Fronter earlier this year, however if you haven't yet seen the fostering and adoption website, please do have a look around: www.nottinghamshire.gov.uk/fanotts.

New service manager

Dear fostering community,

I am thrilled to let you know that I will be taking over from Naomi Russell as the Temporary Fostering Service Manager from 18th December. I have had the privilege of meeting and working with many of you during my nine years with the fostering service and look forward to meeting many more of you at FLAG, the long service celebratory event planned in March and recruitment events coming up around the County in 2018.

I am extremely proud of our fostering service and of the fantastic work that you, as foster carers, undertake with so many of you so often going the extra mile! You are a credit to Nottinghamshire County Council, as are your families who support you to care for the young people placed in your care.

On behalf of the County Council, I would like to wish you, your families and the children in your care, a very happy Christmas and best wishes for the new year,

Dawn Clark Cain, Temporary Fostering Service Manager



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