



Corporate Parenting Committee

Fostering Recruitment update report
November 2021

New initiatives

- Foster Friendly status for the Council
- Success of Payment for Skills scheme
- Transfer of IFA carers to Derby City
- New parent and Child scheme
- Family and Friends team, projected increase in kinship placements



Future plans

- Collaboration with D2N2 Local Authorities:
- Joint marketing campaigns
- New D2N2 website to encourage the message of Foster For your Council
- Shared Skills to Foster training
- Possible shared specialist training post approval



Summary of
activity since
1 April 2021



Corporate Fostering Recruitment Dashboard
August 2021

68 foster carer
enquiries *(120 last year)*

18
Initial visits
Completed
(31 last year)

14
households
invited
to apply *(35 last year)*

13 new
applications
received *(15 last year)*

Mainstream

- 9 new approvals **+14 beds**
- 6 de-registrations **-8 beds**

Family and
Friends

- 3 new approvals **+4 bed**
- 1 de-registrations – **1 bed**
- 3 awaiting panel approval

12 households approved
7 households de-registered
since 1 April 2021 = **net gain +5**

24 active enquiries in the recruitment process as at 31 August 2021

2021-22 Enquires

8 enquiry only

2 Initial Visit
completed not
yet invited to
apply

3 invited to
apply

4 applications
received –
awaiting panel
dates

1 application
received –
panel booked

2020-21 Enquires

6 applications received – panel booked during 2021-22