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Fostering Newsletter – November 2025

Welcome to the November issue of our Thinking about Fostering newsletter!

We've recently had the absolute pleasure of celebrating the happy retirement of two of our long serving foster carers, and are now on the hunt for more people who can fill their space and help change the lives of our children and young people in care – could that be you?

We also enjoyed celebrating the very first National Supported Lodgings Week last week. Did you know that offering a small bit of your time, attention and guidance can help change the trajectory of an older teenager's life and usher them into an independent adulthood?

With best wishes,

Denise



♥ A fond farewell: Janet and David

After a staggering 33 years of service, long-serving foster carers Janet and David celebrated their retirement from fostering in October, surrounded by friends, family and staff members.

Over three-decades, the couple have cared for over **700 children** aged between 0 and 17 years old.

Janet and David began their fostering journey in 1992, transitioning from their roles as an auxiliary nurse and a prison officer. They have been offered a variety of placements over the years, but are probably best-known for their commitment to out-of-hours care.



At their retirement party, the couple were stunned to hear that their service to Leicestershire County Council equated to:

- **397 months**
- **1726 weeks**
- **12,084 days**
- **290,016 hours**

Janet and David told us they have loved their “wonderful” fostering journey and are sad that it has come to an end. Their own children have watched them thoroughly enjoy their roles, and for them it is all they remember.

We are eternally grateful for all they have done to support our children and young people in care over the years and wish them every bit of happiness and relaxation going forward – they’ve certainly earned it!

[Find out how you could make a difference like Janet and David](#)

National Supported Lodgings Week (10 – 16 November)



What is a Supported Lodgings Host?

Supported Lodgings Hosts offer a room in their home to a young person over 16 years old. They offer help and guidance with things like... [Read more](#)



Read about the impact having a positive mentor can have on a young person

“From the first moment I arrived at Kate’s house, she made me feel comfortable and at home. Now, knowing she is just below me whilst I sleep, I don’t have many nightmares anymore...” [Read more](#)



The fostering application journey: ‘it’s well-structured to guide you through’

Karen, a recently-approved Supported Lodgings Host, shares her experiences of going through the fostering application process with the county council.

Find Out About Fostering information sessions

All 2026 virtual and in-person event dates have been confirmed, and you can now book your space at one of **seventeen** information events.

Join the fostering team and a current foster carer to discuss all-things fostering, including the application process, available payments and allowances, and our 'consistent and reliable' support and guidance (Ofsted, 2024).

All information sessions take place between 6:30pm – 8:30pm. Upcoming events:

- Wednesday 19 November 2025 (virtual)
- Thursday 11 December 2025 (virtual)
- Wednesday 14 January 2026 (in-person)

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