



Media Release

Enhanced Foster Carers

If you would like the opportunity to make a difference to the lives of local vulnerable children, Stirling Council would like to hear from you.

The local authority is on the lookout for more full-time Enhanced Foster Carers to join their small, committed and caring team. Enhanced Foster Carers look after children who often have complex needs, particularly older children and teenagers.

To be part of this service, you need to be warm and caring, have childcare experience and able to provide a secure and stable home environment. In return, the Council will offer a competitive guaranteed annual fee plus allowances, and an extensive package of therapeutic support via a team of experienced professionals.

A current Stirling Council Enhanced Foster Carer explained that there are wider benefits from the role. She said: "Whatever the reason that a child has been placed in foster care I feel committed to provide a safe, stable and nurturing environment which hopefully allows the child to reach their full potential.

"Helping others is extremely satisfying and rewarding which is very important to me as an enhanced carer."

Convener of Stirling Council's Children and Young People Committee, Cllr Susan McGill said: "Becoming an Enhanced Foster Carer is an exciting opportunity to help a child develop and thrive and change their future for the better."

If you have the right skills and experience, allied with a passion to provide a young person from Stirling with a safe, nurturing home, our team would love to hear from you."

To be an Enhanced Foster Carer, you need to meet certain criteria, including:

- Experience or qualifications for working or caring for children
- No other child under the age of 16 living in the home
- An adult available at all time to support the child.

Vice Convener, Cllr Christine Simpson said: "Along with the essential criteria, we are looking for people with a commitment to making a positive difference to the life of a vulnerable young person in Stirling."

"This specialist role requires emotional strength, resilience and enthusiasm, but you will be fully supported by our professional and inspiring team, ensuring you have all the tools needed to provide the best possible care."

To find out more, please call 01786 471177 or email: adoption-fostering@stirling.gov.uk More information is also available on our enhanced fostering webpage, which includes a link to the fostering enquiry form.