

Refer A Friend Scheme

£500 when you refer a friend to foster:

Everyone is talking about it! Be part of our exciting new Refer a Friend Reward Scheme and earn up to £500.

As you are a foster carer you will know how personally rewarding it is to help shape a child's future. So if you are passionate about what you do, and can think of a friend or family member who would be a great foster-carer, why don't you tell them about our Refer a Friend Scheme?

You could receive up to £500 for every person you refer if they become an approved foster carer for Fostering Devon.

Here is how it works:

Share the good news with people you think would be fab carers. Tell your friend or relative about how rewarding it is to be a foster carer for Fostering Devon and why you think that they would make such a great candidate. Please make sure you only refer people who meet the basic criteria:

- they need to be over 21
- live permanently in the UK
- would pass a criminal record check (DBS check).
- have a spare room

Ask the person you have nominated to phone the Fostering Enquiry line on 0345 155 1077 or contact via foster@devon.gov.uk . Ensure your friends tell them that you have recommended them under the Refer a Friend Scheme.

Remember - think outside the box:

There is no typical foster-carer – they can vary in age, be married, single or divorced, and be from any religious or cultural background. We are looking for a mixture of local foster carers and ones a little further afield, If someone is over 21 and has the energy, patience and understanding and a spare room in their house, we would love to hear from them.

Host a Refer a Friend Coffee Morning:

So, you have loads of friends or family who might be interested in fostering. Why not host a coffee morning – or evening – and invite your friends? We will provide the coffee and the cakes and someone to talk about fostering and the process of becoming a foster carer.

You will provide the venue, a warm welcome and a room full of people potentially interested in fostering. In return your friends and family can gain a better understanding of what you do and any potential new carers would be dealt with under the Refer a Friend scheme.

If you are interested in hosting an event please call the Enquiry Line to discuss.

Terms and Conditions - 'Refer a Friend Scheme':

- This is a pilot scheme with a total of 10 Refer Friend arrangements agreed.
- A payment of £500 will be made to carers recommending a friend or family who are successfully approved by fostering panel.
- The Refer a Friend scheme is open to all Fostering Devon Carers.
- The Refer a Friend scheme is not open to employees of DCC.
- The Refer a Friend scheme does not apply to candidates interested in respite care only.
- The Refer a Friend scheme does not apply to individuals who are already known to or who have already enquired with Fostering Devon on the date of the referral.
- The referral will not qualify if the referred candidate is already on our database and we have been in contact with that person in the last six months.
- There are no limits to the number of referrals an individual can make.
- Payment will only be made if the referred candidate becomes an Approved Foster Carer with Fostering Devon.
- Fostering Devon reserves the right to amend, modify, cancel or withdraw the Refer a Friend scheme at any time and without notice.
- The potential carer on first contacting Fostering Devon must explicitly state that they have been recommended by an existing carer. Written confirmation that the enquiry has been made as a response to the Refer a Friend Scheme will be provided by the Assessment Team.
- Foster to Adopt placements are not included.
- Friends and Family placements are not included.