

The NLAFC Remand Fostering Service Foster Carers Job Description

Aim of the Remand Fostering Scheme:

- (i) Provide Courts with a community based alternative to remanded young people going into secure accommodation. This includes Remands into Youth Detention Accommodation, by maintaining access to five specialist foster families
- (ii) Provide a high level of supervision for young people assessed as presenting some risk of offending during the remand period.
- (iii) Foster carers recruited to the Remand Fostering Scheme will need previous experience of working with young people with complex needs.
- (iv) Carers need to be non-judgemental and have the commitment to make a difference to a young person's life.

Remand Scheme Foster Carers will:

- Supervise and care for a young person on remand in their home.
- Work intensively with up to two young persons if two carers are at home full time, or one young person where one carer is at home full time subject to a risk assessment by the supervising Fostering Social Worker. (Not usually take other task-centred child/ren's placements)
- Enable, guide and support young person to develop their skills in communication, negotiation, conflict resolution, social relationships, day-to-day organisation, understanding and using Restorative approaches.
- Report any child care or safeguarding concerns immediately to the young person's social worker and the supervising Fostering Social Worker.
- To act as an Appropriate Adult for the young person, when required.
- To respect and support the young person's specific ethnic and cultural requirements
- Adhere to the role and task expectations set out in the placement agreement or review meetings
- Keep detailed records and communicate objectively and fully as to observations made.
- To appear in Court and provide evidence as to the young person's progress or in relation to any breach of bail, if required, following liaison with the Young Offenders Team..
- Make and evidence judgments about both the particular young person's needs and progress to professionals and meetings.

- Work closely with YOT and other agencies
- To transport/escort the young person to and from Court appearances; police stations; solicitors offices etc.
- Make a commitment to additional training requirements and monthly support and development group meetings

Limits of approval:

Because of the demanding nature of remand fostering, special care is needed to ensure that remand households can provide adequate supervision to remand placements.