

Placement Development Review
Position Update - September 2017.

Remit:

A review of all York based provision for children in the care of the Local Authority.

Purpose:

To ensure that York provides sustainable and responsive placements to children in the care of the Local Authority.

Principles:

- We will better ensure that our children have a positive experience of family life if placed with foster carers.
- We will seek to normalise the experience for children in foster care through appropriate delegated authority. However we will ensure that this authority is exercised appropriately.
- We will recognise and celebrate the contribution made by foster carers.
- We will develop our service within the current budget.
- We will think wider than 'just finance' when it comes to foster carers' support and training.
- We will be explicit in our expectations of what it means to be a CYC foster carer and provide clarity in respect of associated fees and allowances.
- We will explore and develop alternative high quality resources for children and young people for whom placement within a family home is not appropriate.

Progress to date:-

- Briefing document has been shared with all foster carers.
- Initial informal consultation with SMTIM, staff, YAFCA.
- Initial comparison with neighbouring Local Authorities.

Moving forward:-

1. Consultation October/November 2017.
2. Final paper January 2018.