

Process to become a foster carer with Surrey County Council

Early interest

Search for information about fostering via internet

And/ or attend a fostering recruitment event

Enquiry stage

Phone enquiry line

Home visit to discuss fostering in depth (2 hours, sometimes during office hours)

If enquirer thought suitable to foster, application form sent

Application Stage

Checks and references carried out by business support

Attend skills to foster training (**six 3 hour sessions weekday evenings and 1 whole Saturday**)

8-10 assessment home visits to applicants (**visits last approximately 2 hours, tends to be during office hours**)

Following Approval

Once approved family and friends carers are expected to attend:

- Placement planning meeting in the first week of child moving to them
- Child Looked After review after 4 weeks, 3 months and then once every 6 months
- Personal Education Plan meeting
- Health assessment meeting

(the above meetings last approximately 2 hours and usually take place during office hours)

- Also meetings with the Home Office if UASC.

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