

## **Foster Carers' Charter: A conversational guide for foster carers**

**Here are some points for you to talk to your supervising social worker about to start a conversation about a charter.**

### **If your fostering service does have a foster carers' charter:**

- Really pleased that my fostering service recognises the importance of a charter. Foster carers who are valued, recognised and supported in the team around the child will improve the experience of children in their care.
- I would welcome some information from you about how the charter is being used in the fostering service.
- When are you next looking at reviewing it? The Fostering Network has recently updated their template charter to include a commitment to the Keep Connected principles aimed at supporting children's relationships when they move on from foster families.
- How can foster carers get involved?

### **If your fostering service does not have a foster carers' charter:**

- A foster carers' charter is an agreement between the corporate parent, fostering service and foster carers to work in partnership in the best interest of the children in our care.
- A charter can help to build positive relationships that support the recruitment and retention of foster carers. Foster carers who are valued, recognised and supported in the team around the child will improve the experience of children in their care.
- The Fostering Network has recently updated their template charter to include a commitment to the Keep Connected principles aimed at supporting children's relationships when they move on from foster families so now is an apt time to implement a charter.
- How can foster carers get involved in developing and implementing the charter?