

# SUNBEAM FOSTERING (Northwest)

A FOSTER CARER'S

# GUIDE TO TRANSFERRING

TO SUNBEAM FOSTERING  
(Northwest)



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## ► Introduction

We are very pleased that as an approved and experienced foster carer you are considering continuing your fostering career with Sunbeam Fostering (Northwest).

Sunbeam Fostering (Northwest) is leading independent fostering agency based in the North West.

Sunbeam Fostering (Northwest) is focused on recruiting and supporting foster carers across North West England and West Yorkshire regions.

Our agency is owned by a professional team, who have a strong vision to bring about choice and diversity, so that children and young people have the best experience they can in foster care.



### Registered/Head Office address

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Blackburn BB1 2QS  
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We have a dedicated experienced staff and management team with extensive social work experience within the fostering sector, providing an innovative foster care service to children and young people.

The agency is committed to local growth whilst maintaining its family ethos and support levels.

Children and young persons are at the heart and focus of the agency. We have a strong commitment to achieving positive outcomes, providing the best support and helping each other.

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To further support the development of our service Sunbeam Fostering (Northwest) holds strong positions on key contracts with the placing authorities.



## ▶ Excellent Support

We believe that Support is fundamental to successful placements for children and young people and the development of our foster carers:

## ▶ Local Support

We provide local support to you through the following:

- Local Social Workers
- Local training venues
- Local activities for foster carers/children
- Local "Meet the Managers" events

## ► Dedicated Participation Champion

Our Participation Champion oversees all participative activities for Foster Carers, Children and Young People, and Birth Children. Through continued reflection, development, and innovation our aim is to provide effective support to all our foster carers and our Participation Champion will make sure this happens

## ► Support Groups

We hold regular local Support groups for Foster Carers throughout the year. We encourage participation in Support Groups, and Foster Carers are supported to take the lead in designing these to meet their needs.

We also hold regular support groups for children and young people, mostly during schools breaks. These are led by the Supervising Social Workers, there are planned activities for the children and young people, usually these will be targeted to specific ages so we can ensure that all our children and young people have an opportunity to attend a group, which is relevant to their needs and age.

In addition, we hold a number of events throughout the year including:

- Birth Children support Groups
- Fun Days
- Day Trips
- Awards Ceremonies
- Training

We continue to build on our comprehensive training programme for foster carers. We understand that our foster carers have different levels of experience and development requirements and therefore we have tailored training, which meets the needs of all levels of experience. Flexible Training weekdays, weekends and through online training courses.

## ► Participation, Feedback and Service Development

Feedback is important to us, that's why we encourage feedback from all stakeholders regularly, this ensures that our service is developing, we aim to go above and beyond just meeting the needs of our stakeholders. Foster Carers have daily opportunity to provide feedback, we conduct annual surveys, feedback at reviews and specific events.



## ► Referral Scheme

We offer a generous referral scheme to thank our carers and supporters who recommend foster carers interested in transferring to us. If you know a foster carer who is thinking about transferring, or anyone who would like to start fostering please contact us we are happy to assist every step of the way.

New carers or carers that have previously fostered : £1000

Existing carers without placement : £1,500

Existing carers with 1 placement : £1,750

Existing carers with 2 or more placements : £2,000

## ► Get in Touch

“ At Sunbeam we are always here to support you  
If you are satisfied please  
**Talk about us**  
If we can do better please  
**Talk to us**

To refer someone you can contact us on the below

**Call us** on **01254 311 322** to speak with a member of our recruitment team.

**Email us** at **info@sunbeamfosteringnorthwest.com** and we will get back to you promptly.

## ► Why Choose Sunbeam Fostering (Northwest)

We understand the importance for Foster Carers to be supported effectively financially in caring for children and young people. Our Foster Carers receive clear information regarding all payments and expectations related to the Fostering Allowance. The reward element is competitive and reflects the hard work and dedication our foster carers provide to the children and young people they look after. We are happy to discuss potential financial packages for Foster Carers transferring with children to ensure there is no shortfall in the continued financial support package.

There are a number of reward element incentives for foster carers also, including;

- Long Service
- TSD and Training completion
- Annual Holiday contribution

Sunbeam Fostering (Northwest) is dedicated to providing quality, supportive foster placements to children and young people. We work in partnership with placing authorities and our foster carers to ensure every child or young person placed in our care receives every possible opportunity to develop and grow into successful young adults. We have a persistent focus on achieving the very best outcomes for the children and work as a team to enable them to achieve their full potential.

The work we undertake in regards to monitoring and developing the service ensures that every child and young person's individuality is recognised. We understand that there is no one size fits all approach to caring for children and young people.

Placement endings – we strive to ensure that children and young people receive positive placement endings, this includes being rehabilitated home to their family, moving onto adoptive parents or onto independence or being placed as a supported lodger with their foster carers.



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## ► Making a formal application / transferring to us :

Sunbeam Fostering (Northwest) has experienced recruiters for foster carers and supports foster carers who are transferring from other organisations. We understand that this may not be an easy decision for you, which is why we undertake an initial home visit, prior to you making a formal application, we hope that during this visit we can address any concerns you have and provide you with an opportunity to learn more about our organisation, our team, our foster carers and the support and care we provide to you as foster carers. We would also talk about the type of foster children who may potentially be placed with you and the relationship we share with your local authority and surrounding local authorities.

### Contact Us

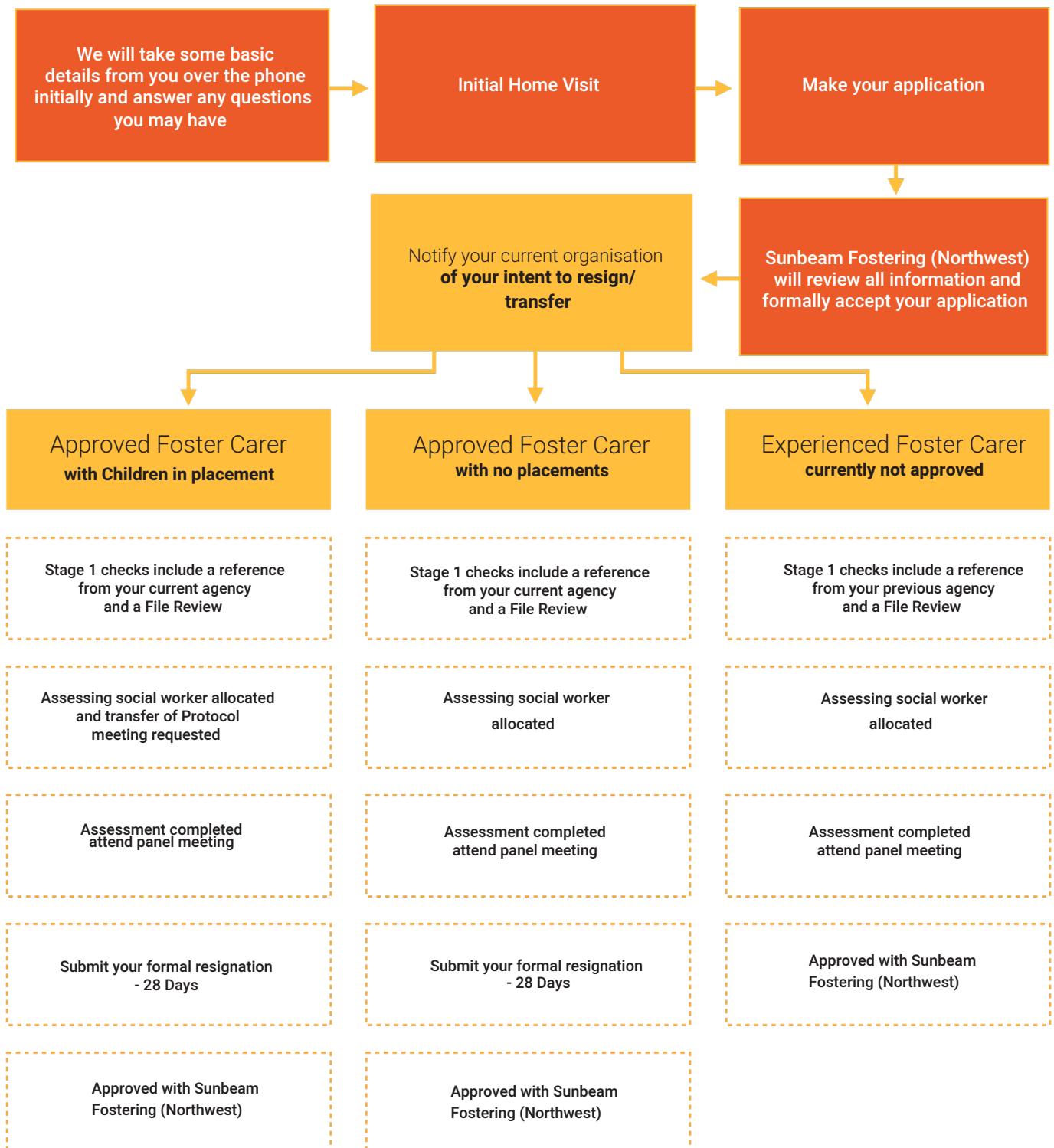
- you can do this via telephone (01254 311 322)
- or by making a call back request ([www.sunbeamfosteringnorthwest.com](http://www.sunbeamfosteringnorthwest.com))



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The below table details the different steps to the application and assessment process:





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