

Foster Carer of the Year Awards 2018

Saturday, 12th May 2018

Hilton Hotel, Belfast

in partnership with Fostering Network NI

Kinship Carer of the Year and Kinship Foster Carers of Distinction:

Chelsea Noble & Patryck Sojka – Belfast Trust (Lisburn)



l-r: Kathleen Toner (Director Fostering Network NI), Chelsea Noble & Patryck Sojka and Una Carragher (Manager Regional Adoption & Fostering Service)

Chelsea and Patrick live in Lisburn and foster for the Belfast Trust. They were nominated by social worker Seana Hamill.

Chelsea and Patrick are both in their early 20s and have been kinship carers for Chelsea's sister for the past two and a half years. The panel were humbled by their positive attitude, their total commitment to Chelsea's sister and their love for her and each other.

Recently, they used the money they had saved for their travels to put a deposit on a house and they now have a lovely home for the three of them and their two dogs making them as they said: "a real family now". *(courtesy of Fostering Network NI)*

Kinship Carers of Distinction:

Mark & Nadene Smith – Southern Trust (Newtownards)



l-r: Una Carragher (Manager Regional Adoption & Fostering Service), Mark & Nadene Smith and Kathleen Toner (Director Fostering Network NI)

Francis Doyle – Belfast Trust (Belfast)



l-r: Kathleen Toner (Director Fostering Network NI), Francis Doyle and Una Carragher (Manager Regional Adoption & Fostering Service)

Liz Courtney – Belfast Trust (Belfast)



l-r: Kathleen Toner (Director Fostering Network NI), Rosy Smyth (SW) who accepted the award on behalf of Liz Courtney and Una Carragher (Manager Regional Adoption & Fostering Service)

Casheen and David Sloan – Northern Trust (Glengormley)



l-r: Una Carragher (Manager Regional Adoption & Fostering Service), Casheen & David Sloan and Kathleen Toner (Director Fostering Network NI)