



# Relaunch and Recruitment event

Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> February 2019

7.00pm- 9.00pm

Seagoe Hotel, Portadown

22 Upper Church Lane, Portadown, Craigavon BT63 5JE

The Southern Health and Social Care Trust wish to recruit foster carers for the Intensive Support Fostering Scheme which is financially incentivized by a fee of £18,000 – £27,000 per annum, in addition to foster care allowances.

The Intensive Support Scheme provides highly supported foster care placements to children and young people up to 18 years old. Children and young people within this scheme have had difficult life experiences that require them to be nurtured and cared for in an extra special way.

Some of these young people will be out of school, have little experience of routine in their lives and may feel rejected and unhappy, often finding it hard to trust adults and often presenting with challenging behaviour.

The Intensive Support Fostering Service is committed to providing a therapeutic parenting experience to all children and young people. To do so we aim to recruit empathic, flexible, open-minded and resilient individuals.

Therapeutic parenting means learning about a child and how best to support their emotional and social development. It means being open to learning parenting strategies that are more effective with children who have experienced trauma. It means being able to assist with transport for the child's appointments, school, hobbies and potential respite arrangements.

As an Intensive Support Foster Carer you will be part of a team that will help you in providing care to a young person living with you. An enhanced support and training package is available to all carers.

It is preferable that individuals are available to provide fulltime care, however the service also requires short break carers to provide respite support to fulltime carers. Note: Short break carers receive the same entitlements on a pro-rata basis.

If you are interested in finding out more about the Intensive Support Fostering Scheme come along to our information event. To register your interest in the event Call: 028 37 560 750 or Email: [fostering&adoption@southerntrust.hscni.net](mailto:fostering&adoption@southerntrust.hscni.net).

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