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St David's
Fostering
Service

OUR PURPOSE: A GUIDE FOR EVERYONE

ST DAVID'S FOSTERING SERVICE: WHAT WE DO

We want every child to have a loving family where they can grow and thrive. We do this by helping to find foster families for children who need a temporary family to live with until they can return to their birth family or find a new forever home.

Recruitment and training: We find, train and assess people who want to foster.

Ongoing Support: We provide support before and during a foster placement, including offering group meet ups and family fun events.

Contact Arrangements: We help with maintaining relationships with birth family members .

Through our fostering service we support **Welsh Early Permanence**, simply this means foster parents may also be approved as adopters and if adoption becomes a child's plan the foster parents may choose to adopt the child.

We also offer **Therapeutic Transitions** to help understand and support children's needs and prepare them for a move to a new foster home or return to living with birth parents.

WHO WE SUPPORT

Prospective Foster Carers: Anyone over 21 with a loving home who wants to help children can apply to be a foster parent. We welcome people of all backgrounds and genders.

Children: We support children from birth up to 12 years old.



Our AFKA Cymru Service

Offers **Training, Consultancy and Support** for families and professionals involved in adoption, fostering, and kinship care.

Our Adoption Service

Our adoption service recruits, trains and assess prospective adopters helping to **find and build families** for children in Wales. It offers ongoing support for children and families helping children to grow and thrive.



HOW WE HELP

Training: We provide training for those who want to become foster parents

Support: We listen to what you and your family have to say and work to make sure your needs are met, offering advice and guidance.

Child-focused: We work to ensure that every child's needs are met and that they feel safe and supported.

SAFEGUARDING

We are committed to keeping everyone safe and offer training on safeguarding and child development.

WHAT WE OFFER

- A dedicated social worker
- Training to understand foster care
- Help with meeting needs of children and maintaining relations with their birth family
- Access to social events and a community of foster carers.

OUR TEAM

Staff Qualifications

- **Experienced Leaders:** Our team includes professionals with advanced degrees in social work and management.
- **Specialist Social Workers:** Our social workers are trained in therapeutic techniques to support families.

Supervision and Training

- **Regular Supervision:** Our team receives regular supervision and training to ensure high-quality service.
- **Continuous Learning:** We encourage staff to continuously improve their skills through additional training.

RECORD KEEPING

- **Secure Storage:** We keep all records safe and secure in compliance with data protection laws.
- You can read our privacy notice to find out how we use your information [here](#).

FEEDBACK AND IMPROVEMENT

- **Listening to You:** We use feedback from families and staff to improve our services.
- **Continuous Improvement:** We strive to learn and grow from every experience.

GOVERNANCE AND QUALITY ASSURANCE

- **Quality Monitoring:** We regularly review our services to ensure they meet high standards.
- **Involvement in Decision-Making:** Service users are involved in decision-making processes to help guide our services.

COMPLAINTS AND COMPLIMENTS

- **Open Communication:** We welcome feedback and have a formal complaints procedure to address concerns.
- **Celebrating Success:** We share compliments with our team to promote best practices.

LINKS

- **Statement of Purpose:** This document gives detailed information about St David's Fostering Service and its purpose as a Voluntary Fostering Agency.
- **"Have your Say" leaflet:** This leaflet provides information on how you can speak to St David's if you have something you would like to feedback to us.



Our Values

An Open Door – We welcome everyone who wants to help children find a loving home.

A Genuine Welcome: We are always friendly and honest.

An Inspiring Outlook: We are creative and always trying to improve our services.

A Responsible Guide: We support and guide families to help them build strong relationships.

A Supportive Professional: We are here to offer our expertise and support.

HOW TO GET IN TOUCH

If you have any questions or need support, you or your family can contact us anytime. We are here to help you and make sure your adoption journey is a happy and successful one.

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We are registered with the **Care Inspectorate Wales**.

www.careinspectorate.wales/contact-us

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Remember, at St David's Adoption Service, you're not alone. Whether you're considering adoption or looking for support after adoption, we're here to help.

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