Overview of children in care

- 12 million children living in England
- 400,000 (3%) involved with children's social care
- 80,000 (0.03%) are Children Looked After (CLA) in England
- 468 are Children Looked After (CLA) in Wiltshire





Overview of children in care

- 264 children living with 168 Wiltshire Council foster carers
- 105 children living with foster carers via independent agencies
- Experiences trauma, separation & loss
- Trauma impacts on all aspects of a child's life and view of the world



Devizes- latest update

- 29 children in care, still short of 23 local fostering family
- In Devizes we're looking for more foster carers to step in and provide homes for children from Devizes and also those from the surrounding areas

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- The situation across Wiltshire is near crisis point as we now have few alternatives available with independent fostering agencies (IFA) carers, but we need to look after and care for all of our children, irrespective of resources
- Main focus is to find safe homes for our Children in Care
- Across Wiltshire we are still in need of at least an additional 30 foster carers

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Who makes a good foster carer

- Anyone aged 21 & over, with a spare bedroom can foster
- Have a good sense of humour, plenty of tolerance & understanding.
- Enthusiasm to make a difference to young people's lives
- Commitment to find a way through difficult times

The impact of fostering on Natasha's life

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• 1 minute & 21 seconds – please watch/listen, as it's really powerful

Could you help?

- Promote fostering to your local community
- Listen to Natasha then think, if every councillor recruited just one fostering family, what a life changing difference that would make to so many children
- Let us know places/events where we can successfully promote fostering in your area
- Share and 'love' our messages on social media Follow Facebook "Fostering in Wiltshire" Follow Twitter @ FosterWilts



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Contact us

For more information from our fostering service:

Contact: Fostering Recruitment Duty Call: 01225 716510 Email: fosteringrecruitment@wiltshire.gov.uk

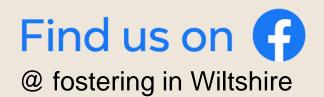
For those interested in becoming a foster carer:

Call: 0800 169 6321 Text: 'Foster' to 60002 Email: fostering@wiltshire.gov.uk Website: www.fosteringwiltshire.uk



















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