

TAMESIDE COUNCIL  
FOSTERING SERVICE

# TAMESIDE COUNCIL FOSTERING SERVICE

NEIGHBOURHOODS PRESENTATION  
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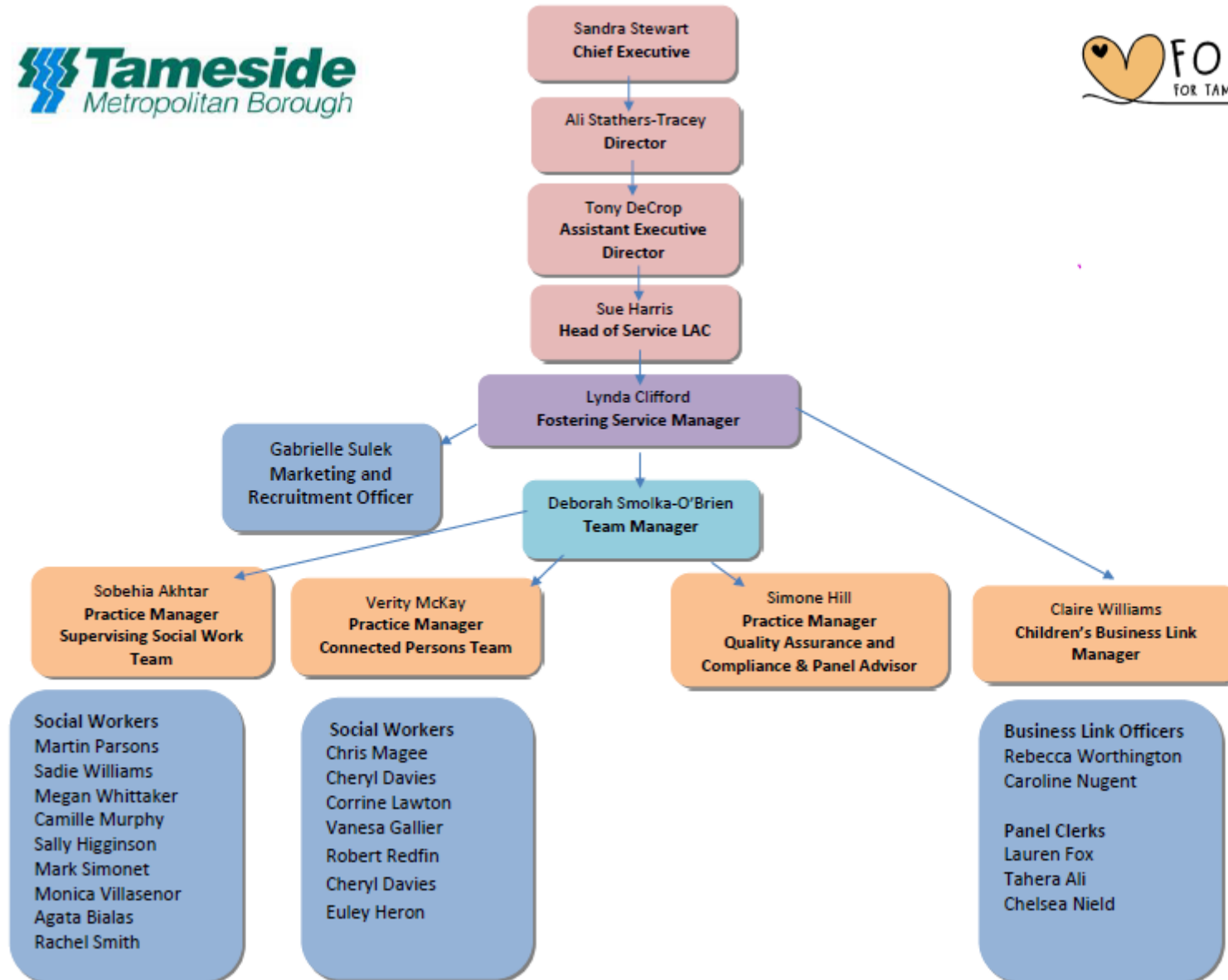
FOSTER FOR TAMESIDE  
CHANGE A LOCAL CHILD'S LIFE

 **Tameside**  
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Clinical Commissioning Group

# TAMESIDE FOSTERING SERVICE STRUCTURE



# WHAT IS FOSTERING?

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- **Support and care** for a child when they can't live at home
- Providing a **stable and caring** environment.
- Assisting **Contact** – birth parents & other - connected persons
- Getting the child(ren) to **School**
- Attending **Meetings** – reviews, education
- **Training** – developing fostering skills



# WHO CAN FOSTER?

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- You can be **married, co-habiting, single, straight or gay.**
- There is **no upper age limit.**
- You don't need to own your own home, as long as you have a **spare bedroom.**
- Ideally you will **live locally**, in order to transport children to school etc.
- All **ethnic and religious backgrounds** are welcome.



# THE CURRENT NEED FOR FOSTER CARERS

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*As of Friday 4th November, there were 663 cared for children in Tameside.  
428 were in foster care (292 Tameside own provision).*

*Source: TMBC data (4<sup>th</sup> November 2022)*

*There are currently not enough foster care placements for children within  
Tameside to cope with demand.*

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## DIFFERENT TYPES OF FOSTERING

**CONNECTED  
PERSON FOSTERING**  
Family or Friends who  
are 'connected' to a  
child. They are approved  
specifically for that child

**LONG TERM**  
planned  
placements

**RESPITE/SHORT  
BREAK**  
Weekends and  
holidays

**SHORT TERM**  
1 day – 2 years

# WHY DO PEOPLE FOSTER?

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- **Make a difference** to children and young people who are waiting for families now
- Foster carers find it a **very rewarding** experience
- You'll be **supported throughout the assessment** and once you're approved
- You are able to provide a **loving and stable home** to a child
- You can be part of the '**local fostering community**' participating in the community to meet the needs of young children of Tameside.



# THE APPROVAL PROCESS

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YOUR  
INITIAL  
ENQUIRY

INITIAL  
VISIT

SKILLS TO  
FOSTER  
TRAINING

APPLICATION  
FORM

ASSESSMENT

PANEL



# ONGOING FOSTERING SUPPORT

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- Fostering social workers and support workers
- Social workers for the children
- Foster carer support groups
- Foster Care Association
- Buddy scheme
- Training programme
- Therapeutic services
- Foster care allowances and fees

# WHAT TYPE OF CARERS DO WE NEED?

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- All ages 0-18
- Sibling groups
- Older children (over 5 years of age)
- Teenagers
- Children with complex needs
- Children from a range of ethnic backgrounds
- Children who need fostering on a long term basis



# HOW YOU CAN HELP

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- Word of mouth – spread the word for the need of local foster carers with your neighbourhoods.
- If you know of anyone you think would make a good foster carer, refer them to the fostering team; [fosteringenquiries@tameside.gov.uk](mailto:fosteringenquiries@tameside.gov.uk)
- Share our marketing materials (digital pack to be sent round with slides).
- Share our social media posts to help spread our message.



# THANK YOU & QUESTIONS

If you have any further questions, please contact:  
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