

TAMESIDE COUNCIL
FOSTERING SERVICE

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NEIGHBOURHOODS PRESENTATION
NOVEMBER 2022



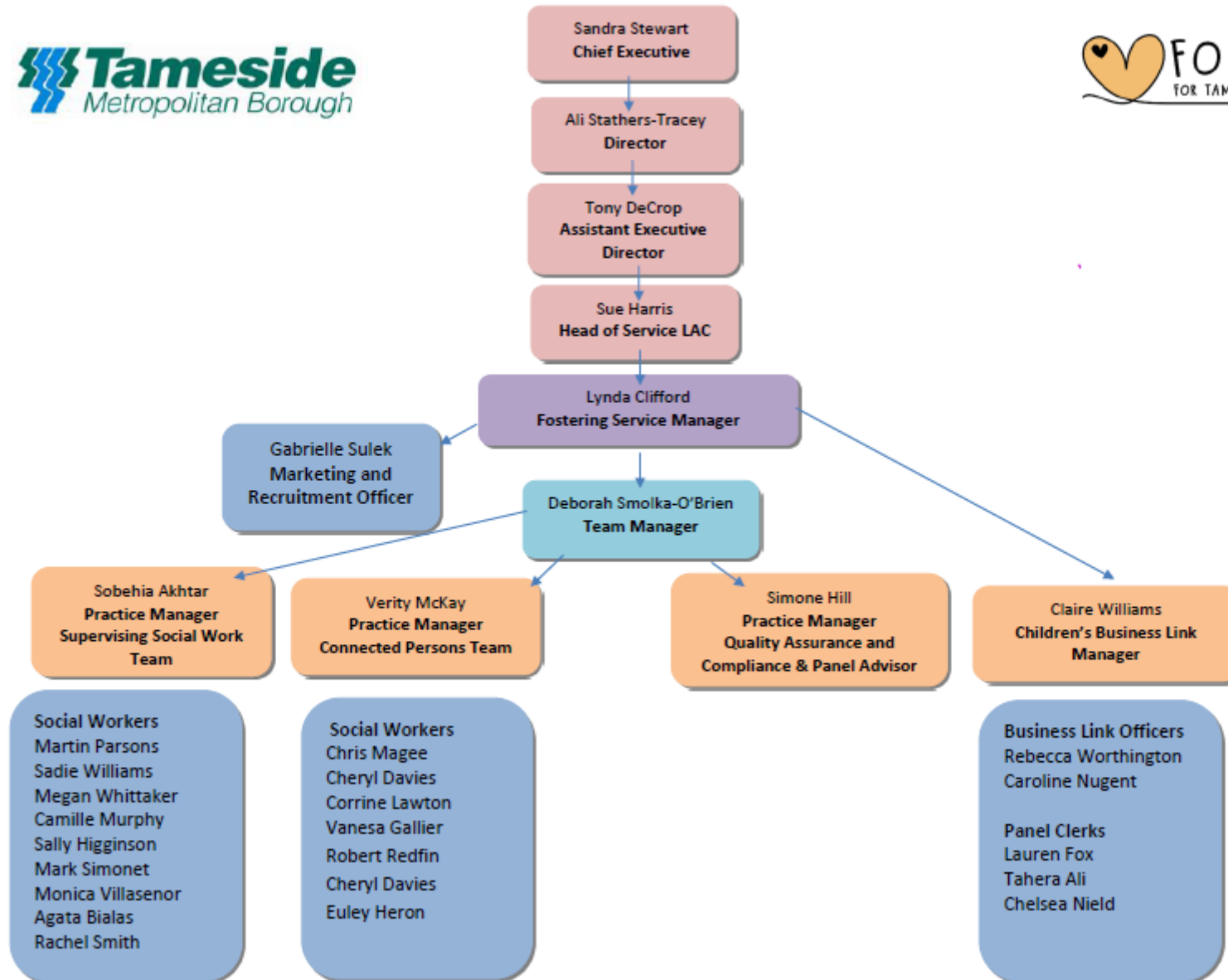
FOSTER FOR TAMESIDE
CHANGE A LOCAL CHILD'S LIFE

 **Tameside**
Metropolitan Borough

 **FOSTER**
FOR TAMESIDE COUNCIL

 **NHS**
Tameside and Glossop
Clinical Commissioning Group

TAMESIDE FOSTERING SERVICE STRUCTURE



WHAT IS FOSTERING?

- **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?

- 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

*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 (4th November 2022)

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

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

**DIFFERENT TYPES
OF FOSTERING**

LONG TERM
planned
placements

SHORT TERM
1 day – 2 years

**RESPITE/SHORT
BREAK**
Weekends and
holidays

WHY DO PEOPLE FOSTER?

- **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

YOUR
INITIAL
ENQUIRY

INITIAL
VISIT

SKILLS TO
FOSTER
TRAINING

APPLICATION
FORM

ASSESSMENT

PANEL

ONGOING FOSTERING SUPPORT

- 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?

- 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

- 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
- 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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