

Title of Report

Fostering Service Annual Report

Who Wrote the Report

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Summary of What the Report is About

This report talks about how the fostering service in Dorset helped children and young people in the past year. It explains what the service did, how it improved, and what plans it has for the future.

What are the Key Messages of This Report

- The fostering service has grown and improved.
- More children are living with foster families.
- The service is working hard to support foster carers.
- There are new programs to help children stay with their relatives.
- The service wants to keep getting better and help more children.

Important Facts and Figures

- **188** foster families in Dorset.
- **192** children living with foster families.
- **56** people asked about fostering, and **17** new foster families were approved.
- **22** new kinship carers (relatives who take care of children).
- **435** children in Dorset's care.
- **69.9%** of these children are with foster families.

Actions or Recommendations

- Keep supporting foster carers with training and help.
- Recruit more foster families.
- Help children stay with their relatives when possible.
- Improve the service to make sure children are happy and safe.