

Title of Report

Fostering Panel Chair's Report

Who Wrote the Report

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Summary of What the Report is About

This report talks about what the fostering panel did over the past year. It explains how the panel helped children and foster families, what went well, and what needs to be improved.

What are the Key Messages of This Report

- The fostering panel had 28 meetings and looked at 103 cases.
- The panel is working hard to make sure children are safe and happy.
- There are plans to make the panel even better next year.
- The panel wants to hear more from children about their experiences.

Important Facts and Figures

- **28** panel meetings held.
- **103** cases reviewed.
- **17** new foster families approved.
- **20** new kinship carers (relatives who take care of children).
- **3** panel members resigned.
- **13** panel members at the end of the year.

Actions or Recommendations

- Keep supporting and training panel members.
- Recruit more social workers and a new Vice Chair for the panel.
- Make the panel process friendlier for foster carers.
- Ensure the voice of the child is heard in all decisions.
- Improve communication between childcare teams and the fostering panel.