

Corporate Parenting Select Committee

Teresa Vickers, County Manager – Fostering, Kent County Council

Biography

Teresa Vickers is KCC's County Manager – Fostering. She has worked in Children's Social Care for 37 years covering Residential, Hospital Social Work, Children and Families, Adoption and Fostering.

Following the restructure in 2012, the remit of her role included responsibility for the management of centralised fostering services, including the recruitment, assessment, training and panel processes for prospective foster carers, as well as the commissioning and delivery of learning and development programmes for all approved foster carers.

This role also includes responsibility for the Specialist Fostering teams of Disability, Fostering and Therapeutic Reparenting (TRP). The TRP Scheme is a fostering service for young children with severe attachment difficulties.

Kent has over 900 registered foster carers, caring for over 1,100 children. There have been 130 foster carers approved in this financial year.