

The National Fostering Landscape in 2018: Policy and Practice

[1 America Square, 17 Crosswall, London, EC3N 2LB](#) | 28th February 2018

10.15	Registration & Morning Refreshments
11.00	Chair's Introduction ⇒ <i>Dr Lisa Holmes, Director of the Rees Centre, Oxford University</i>
11.05	Delivering Effective Foster Care: Policy & Practice <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Preventing placement breakdown: progress of the Staying Put initiative• Developing an effective referral service for children in care• Incorporating other agencies to create a safety net for foster children• Supporting unaccompanied asylum seeking children• Giving access to advocacy services for children• Including foster children in the decision making process• Maintaining stable 'networks' for children including schools ⇒ <i>Andy Elvin, Chief Executive, The Adolescent and Children's Trust</i> ⇒ <i>Nicola Smith, Policy Officer, Barnardo's</i> ⇒ <i>Kevin Williams, Chief Executive, The Fostering Network</i>
13.00	Networking Lunch
13.45	Foster Carer Recruiting, Retention and Professional Development <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Providing sufficient training for current future foster carers• Creating a nationwide database of foster carers• New recruitment drives for foster carers• Encouraging greater support for foster caring employees in the workplace• Considering the employment status of full-time foster carers• Matching guidance with local and national priorities for foster service delivery ⇒ <i>Tay Jiva, Adoption and Fostering Service Manager, Penny Appeal</i> ⇒ <i>Juliet Ramage, Improvement and Consultancy Manager, Action For Children</i> ⇒ <i>Colette Abbiss, Fostering Service Manager, Five Rivers Child Care</i>
15.30	Event Close

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