

# FOSTERING GET THE FACTS

**MYTH**

I'm too old to be a foster carer



**FACT**

**There is no upper age limit for foster carers. The minimum age is 21.**

**MYTH**

I must be in a relationship to foster



**FACT**

**Foster carers can be single, married, in a civil partnership, divorced or widowed.**

**MYTH**

I need to own my home to be a foster carer



**FACT**

**Foster carers can rent or own their home. This can be a flat or a house.**

**MYTH**

I can't foster because I'm not a parent



**FACT**

**Foster carers don't need to have their own children. However, if you have some experience with children this can be beneficial.**

**MYTH**

I can't be a foster carer because I work full-time



**FACT**

**Foster carers can work full-time, part-time, be retired or unemployed.**

**MYTH**

Fostering is voluntary



**FACT**

**Foster carers receive weekly allowances for the child and a weekly fee payment for their skills. Fostering payments shouldn't affect you claiming benefits or any benefits you already receive.**

## Now you know the facts, could you foster?

Call our friendly team for an informal chat: **0800 096 9626**

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