

## About The Fostering Network

The Fostering Network is the UK's leading fostering charity. We are the essential network for fostering, bringing together everyone who is involved in the lives of fostered children. We support foster carers to transform children's lives and we work with fostering services and the wider sector to develop and share best practice.

We work to ensure all fostered children and young people experience stable family life and we are passionate about the difference foster care makes. We champion fostering and seek to create vital change so that foster care is the very best it can be.

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## Retired Foster Carer Membership

for former foster carers



Our retired foster carer membership has been designed to protect you if you experience an historical allegation when you stop fostering.

Facing an allegation is unfortunately something that some foster carers will experience during their fostering career, and even when you stop fostering you are still at risk. This membership gives you [market-leading legal protection insurance](#) that covers everyone in your household and includes:

- a [legal helpline](#) for expert advice on allegations and help with any legal queries
- attendance by a qualified and [experienced solicitor](#) should you, or any of your household, have to attend a police interview under caution as a result of an allegation
- cover for [up to £150,000 legal expenses](#) if a criminal prosecution or civil proceeding is brought against you or any of your household as a result of an allegation
- cover for any allegations that you are made aware of during the period of your membership including [historic allegations](#)
- a completely confidential [stress support service](#).

You are also covered by this legal protection insurance if you are a former foster carer looking after a young person under Staying Put or equivalent (Continuing Care, Going the Extra Mile and When I Am Ready), or if you provide supported lodgings.



## Stay connected

Your membership will help you to stay connected to fostering. You will receive our monthly [e-newsletter](#), have access to a digital copy of [Foster Care magazine](#) and be able to [support our campaigns](#) to make foster care better for children and young people and the families that care for them.

As an added benefit, our popular [discounts](#) on days out and holidays, as well as [specialist mortgage](#) and [tax advice](#) from our partners, will continue to be available to you.

For just £28 a year you can have peace of mind and stay connected to fostering.

Visit [thefosteringnetwork.org.uk/retired-membership](https://thefosteringnetwork.org.uk/retired-membership)

Please note that to take out this membership you cannot be an approved foster carer. Your retired foster carer membership must also follow on directly from your previous foster carer membership with us. To access legal support and representation you must be in membership with us at the time you are made aware of the allegation.

