












ORGANISATIONAL MEMBERSHIP





FosterTalk has over 15 years of experience in providing support services to the fostering sector. Using our dedicated team of qualified and experienced advisers; FosterTalk is able to advise fostering service staff via our organisational membership which includes helplines in a wide range of areas including:

-  **Professional advice** and guidance on fostering matters
-  **24 hour legal advice** on all legal matters
-  **24 hour counselling support line**
-  **24 hour medical/first aid helpline**
-  **Tax, Accountancy, National Insurance and benefits advice**
-  **Personal finance advice** – mortgages, retirement planning and savings
-  **Education support**
-  Unlimited access to **online learning**
-  **Over 4,500 fantastic discounts/offers** on lifestyle products and services across the UK
-  **Events** (see over)
-  **Foster carer and staff training** (see over)

WHAT WE PROVIDE

Practice advice and guidance

Organisational staff members can access good practice guidance on all aspects of fostering. Some of the topics may include:

-  **Assessments, approvals and reviews**
-  **Staying put**
-  **Delegated authority**
-  **Regulation, legislation and National Minimum Standards**
-  **Allegations handling and supporting foster carers during allegations**

WHAT WE PROVIDE

Our practice advice and guidance service is available between 9am and 5pm Monday to Friday and can be accessed via telephone and email.

Legal helpline

Members can access our team of legal advisers to discuss any legal or legal related matters 24 hours a day/7 days a week, 365 days a year.

Counselling helpline

Members will have round the clock access to our team of qualified counsellors or can offer telephone support on personal and stress related matters 24 hours a day/7 days a week, 365 days a year.

Discounts Members

an access over 4,500 offers on lifestyle products and services through our online service.

FosterTalk magazine

Members will have access to our quarterly fostering magazine full of hot topics and useful information covering a range of fostering related matters.

Downloadable information leaflets

Members will have access to pdf files on key topics such as safe caring, supporting foster carers during allegations, supervision and support, tax and benefits.

Discounted training on key topics

Members will benefit from reduced rates for staff and foster carer training on key topics including:

Supporting foster carers during allegations - staff training

Managing allegations - foster carer training

Supervision skills for supervising social workers

Discounted rates for attendance at FosterTalk events and fostering focus days

FosterTalk hosts many events around the UK to support foster carers and fostering service workers in a range of topics including foster carer finances, allegations and retirement planning.

How to contact us

To find out more about our organisational membership or to ask about our prices, please call us on **0121 758 5013** or email enquiries@fostertalk.org. We undertake to respond to all telephone and email enquiries either the same or next working day.