

# Agency Placements

## *Did you know?*

- Sam Westwood & Sandra Griffiths are the Placements Team. Contact us on **01432 383680**, [placements@herefordshire.gov.uk](mailto:placements@herefordshire.gov.uk)
- We find placements for children and young people **in & out of county residential, fostering and supported accommodation** from the independent & private sector
- **Residential & fostering providers are regulated services**, inspected by Ofsted or CSSIW
- **Supported accommodation is an unregulated sector**
- 70% of the Council's placements with external agencies are made on an **emergency or urgent** basis.
- In 2013/14, Herefordshire spent **£6.9million** on agency fostering, LAC residential and complex needs placements
- Using a framework agreement contract for agency fostering has helped to **avoid additional costs of over £500,000**
- We check **inspection reports and references from other Councils** when considering a provider we haven't used before
- We conduct **contract monitoring visits** to placement providers, but with **c.80 placements**
- We need your feedback about the **quality of active placements**
- We need your help to hear the **voice of the child before and during** the placement