

Ofsted Inspection – August 2011

I am delighted to announce that NFA has maintained its overall rating of Good and increased its rating to 'Outstanding' in the following areas after an inspection by Ofsted in August 2011, of the NFA registered offices in Uxbridge and Lowestoft:

1) Helping children achieve and enjoy what they do

As an agency we actively encourage and support children and young people to take part in activities to develop their creative skills and pursue their interests and aspirations. The children and young people placed with NFA carers have positive relationships with their foster carers and this forms a sound basis to provide an environment and culture that promotes and supports positive behaviour.

2) Helping children make a positive contribution

NFA have a strong commitment to seeking and listening to children and young people's views. Our children and young people's consultation groups are creative and engaging, and assist young people to develop communication and negotiating skills as well as ensuring their views are taken seriously. Feedback from the groups has led to changes in the design and content of the Children's guides and NFA publications.

3) Achieving economic well being

The agency actively encourages the involvement of children and young people in activities that develop confidence and self esteem. We believe in the importance of young people being prepared well for adulthood so they can achieve their full potential consequently we support young people in the transition to independence in a number of ways including financial and extended support from their foster carer.

I believe this positive inspection reflects the excellent work carried out by our staff and carers to ensure that children and young people within NFA are consulted and their views listened to and acted upon, thereby enhancing our service design and delivery.

As an agency we have demonstrated a significant capacity to improve and continue to develop creative ways to engage our children and young people, staff and carers.

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Iain Anderson
Chief Executive

Date: 10/11