

FOSTER PARENT REVIEW

NO-F118 and Wife

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NO-F118 and Wife have provided the area with one of the most accepting, caring, flexible and involved homes during recent years, both on a long term and short term basis. **Wife** is highly maternal - loves babies and toddlers - but is also stimulated by the challenges of taking on older children, who 'need' her and the rest of the family. She is emotional - easily hurt - and probably does not recognise her own limitations. Put under too much stress, she becomes anxious, insecure, unsure of her own strengths, and in need of a lot of social work support. She is eager and willing to learn from social workers and highly motivated to take on new and different challenges. In everything she does **Wife** is well supported by her husband, who himself is paternal, involved, stable, committed and caring. **NO-F118** has always put a great deal of himself into his family and provides hidden strength to his wife.

At the present time **NO-F118 and Wife** are caring for two definite long stay children - **NO-A283** and (**Name Redacted**) **NO-A256** may well result as a long stay placement: **Wife** has become very attached to her and **NO-A256** does not wish to move.

In spite of limited space within the home, **Wife** would never refuse to accept a baby or toddler but there is a serious danger of over-use in this case. It would be too easy to overlook the individual needs of **Wife**'s present long stay children.

RECOMMENDATION

Ensure that any short stay placements do not extend. Until the future of **NO-A256** is clarified it is important that any placement is time-limited.

15.8.82.

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M. Stimpson.

27TH AUGUST, 1982

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NOTTS.

The decision has been made that **NO-A256** will remain with **NO-F118 and Wife** as a Long Term placement in accordance with everyone's wishes. This will have implications for:

- a) **Name Redacted** and **NO-A283**
- b) the use of the foster home.

NO-A256 is an active, demanding, difficult and assertive child whose placement could dislodge **NO-A283** and affect **Name Redacted**. **NO-F118 and Wife** seem to have plenty to cope with at the moment; **Irrelevant**

Irrelevant

Any short term placements in this foster home must be short and time limited.

Taking into account the needs of **Wife** and the children, recommendation is made that during the next six months at least, future placements must be limited to 0-3 years age range.

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M. Stimpson (Miss),
Senior Social Worker.

MS/JEF,
27th August, 1982.

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NO-F118 and Wife have been 'rested' during the last six months and have had only a few short term placements of children in the 0-3 age range, as recommended in the last foster parents review. Wife has been actively helping a friend with the care of her young baby - on an informal basis - and the fact that she has been 'needed' is self-fulfilling.

Some difficulties in the relationship between Wife and NO-A283 have developed during the last six months - but this has not created significant instability for any of the children within the household.

This remains an excellent fostering resource with both NO-F118 and Wife having equally good foster parenting capacity. However, there is still the danger of over use in this case.

Recommendation

Short stay placements of the 0-3 age range.

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25th March, 1983

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Placement: **Name Redacted**

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NO-F118 and Wife have proved excellent Foster Parents and have had a number of both Long and Short-Term placements. They are a most accepting couple and have coped with many different problems. **Wife** is a very capable woman, but underneath her ebullient and confident exterior, she can be quite an anxious person and is at present showing this in relation to their adoption application for **Name Redacted**

The standards of 'care' have been good and the emotional needs of the child are met excellently, although the material standards may not be very high. **NO-F118** has recently lost his job, and though he obtained another one in Nottingham quite quickly, he has found that the travelling has proved financially impossible so he has had to give it up.

RECOMMENDATION.

In view of the fact that there are now 3 Foster children in this home - all Long-Term, I would agree with Miss Stimpson's recommendation of August 1982 that this Foster home should only be used very carefully - and only for very Short time-limited placements - as was done recently for 2 weeks when a Mother went into Hospital for confinement.

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Refer to previous review reports.

This continues to be an excellent fostering resource with **NO-F118 and Wife** presently caring for four long stay children of various ages, sexes, problems and ability.

NO-F118 has been out of work for almost a year now and although he is motivated to obtain alternative employment, his presence within the home during the last twelve months has proved to be beneficial. **Wife** remains somewhat reactive and over-emotional; she is very easily upset by external pressures and perceived criticism but her husband seems very supportive, much more calm during times of stress and able to balance out his wifes over-reaction when life becomes potentially turbulent.

Both **NO-F118 and Wife** have developed into confident foster parents at a very basic level. They provide warmth, love and security coupled with a capacity to assess the needs of all their children. However, the family does rely upon Social Work support and in particular need plenty of reassurance.

RECOMMENDATION.

NO-F118 and Wife are being used to full capacity and cannot be considered for further placements whilever they continue to care for their present four long-term children.

DPA

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Senior Social Worker,
Newark Area Office.

18th April 1984

MS/JEF,
18.4.84