

YouGov/Quarriers Survey Results

Sample Size: 1008
Fieldwork: 10th - 12th April 2012

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Fostering is a way of providing a home for children and young people when they cannot live with their birth family. This is often a temporary arrangement and many fostered children return to their own families once any problems within the home have been resolved. Others may stay in long-term foster care, some may be adopted, and others will move on to live independently.

Would you ever consider fostering a child?

Unweighted Base	1008	491	517	80	125	140	182	481	581	427	126	120	141	93	132	141	164	90
Base: All Scottish Adults	1008	479	529	123	153	162	202	368	453	555	141	91	141	101	161	111	141	121
Yes, I would/ I currently do	23%	19%	28%	31%	31%	35%	21%	14%	20%	26%	18%	13%	30%	25%	27%	28%	22%	20%
No, I wouldn't	58%	64%	53%	44%	45%	47%	61%	71%	64%	53%	65%	73%	53%	50%	54%	61%	56%	55%
Don't know	19%	18%	20%	25%	24%	19%	18%	15%	16%	21%	17%	14%	17%	26%	18%	11%	21%	25%

Would you ever consider fostering a child with each of the following conditions? (Please tick one option on each row)

A child with no disabilities or known serious emotional and behaviour problems :

Unweighted Base	210	79	131	29	37	43	43	58	108	102	25	17	34	21	26	32	36	19
Base: All Scottish Adults who would ever consider fostering a child	235	90	145	38	47	56	43	52	92	144	26	12	42	25	44	31	31	25
Yes, I would	91%	89%	93%	95%	93%	87%	88%	95%	96%	89%	98%	100%	98%	70%	88%	99%	88%	91%
No, I wouldn't	2%	1%	2%	-	4%	2%	-	3%	2%	2%	-	-	2%	-	3%	-	-	7%
Don't know	7%	10%	5%	5%	4%	11%	12%	3%	2%	10%	2%	-	-	30%	9%	1%	12%	2%

A child with physical disabilities related to mobility :

Unweighted Base	210	79	131	29	37	43	43	58	108	102	25	17	34	21	26	32	36	19
Base: All Scottish Adults who would ever consider fostering a child	235	90	145	38	47	56	43	52	92	144	26	12	42	25	44	31	31	25
Yes, I would	51%	36%	60%	47%	60%	52%	29%	62%	47%	54%	65%	32%	66%	53%	44%	28%	46%	65%
No, I wouldn't	28%	34%	25%	40%	29%	26%	30%	20%	36%	23%	22%	64%	12%	29%	11%	58%	32%	33%
Don't know	21%	31%	15%	13%	10%	23%	41%	17%	17%	23%	13%	4%	22%	17%	45%	15%	22%	2%

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A child with cognitive disabilities (e.g. learning difficulties, mental impairment etc.) :

Unweighted Base	210	79	131	29	37	43	43	58	108	102	25	17	34	21	26	32	36	19
Base: All Scottish Adults who would ever consider fostering a child	235	90	145	38	47	56	43	52	92	144	26	12	42	25	44	31	31	25
Yes, I would	55%	49%	58%	59%	65%	52%	42%	56%	52%	57%	56%	24%	80%	39%	43%	62%	34%	79%
No, I wouldn't	22%	28%	17%	26%	19%	24%	32%	10%	26%	19%	26%	46%	11%	21%	15%	32%	25%	18%
Don't know	24%	23%	24%	15%	16%	24%	26%	35%	22%	25%	18%	30%	9%	40%	41%	6%	41%	4%

A child with multiple disabilities and complex needs :

Unweighted Base	210	79	131	29	37	43	43	58	108	102	25	17	34	21	26	32	36	19
Base: All Scottish Adults who would ever consider fostering a child	235	90	145	38	47	56	43	52	92	144	26	12	42	25	44	31	31	25
Yes, I would	26%	14%	33%	16%	36%	30%	15%	27%	21%	29%	41%	11%	42%	40%	11%	11%	23%	22%
No, I wouldn't	46%	52%	43%	56%	38%	55%	42%	41%	55%	41%	35%	77%	38%	32%	53%	63%	51%	32%
Don't know	28%	34%	24%	28%	26%	15%	43%	32%	25%	30%	23%	12%	20%	28%	26%	26%	26%	46%

A child with serious emotional and behavioural problems :

Unweighted Base	210	79	131	29	37	43	43	58	108	102	25	17	34	21	26	32	36	19
Base: All Scottish Adults who would ever consider fostering a child	235	90	145	38	47	56	43	52	92	144	26	12	42	25	44	31	31	25
Yes, I would	40%	39%	40%	33%	40%	49%	40%	33%	41%	39%	48%	11%	20%	57%	52%	39%	47%	29%
No, I wouldn't	25%	24%	25%	22%	21%	30%	30%	21%	34%	19%	15%	63%	27%	11%	11%	48%	24%	26%
Don't know	36%	36%	35%	45%	39%	21%	30%	46%	25%	42%	37%	27%	53%	31%	37%	14%	29%	46%

You said that you wouldn't/ were unsure if you would consider fostering a child with a disability or serious emotional and behavioural problems...

Which, if any, of the following are reasons for this?
(Please tick all that apply)

Unweighted Base	176	67	109	23	30	36	38	49	94	82	18	15	29	15	25	30	28	16
Base: All Scottish Adults who would ever consider fostering a child but who would not/ were unsure if they would consider fostering a child with a disability or serious emotional and behavioural problems	200	82	118	33	35	48	38	45	79	120	18	11	37	18	41	30	25	21
I'd be worried about the financial implications of looking after them	18%	20%	17%	6%	27%	15%	24%	19%	24%	14%	19%	30%	23%	9%	23%	11%	22%	7%
I think it would be too complicated and exhausting	48%	70%	33%	58%	41%	43%	49%	50%	42%	51%	65%	23%	42%	37%	40%	59%	49%	64%
I don't think they would fit into my family life	16%	22%	12%	15%	16%	19%	24%	8%	21%	13%	32%	14%	12%	12%	12%	24%	17%	12%
I would need to adapt my house to accommodate them	36%	44%	30%	24%	39%	22%	53%	41%	42%	32%	36%	26%	39%	38%	24%	42%	34%	48%
I'd be worried about the amount of support and respite we would be able to get	47%	57%	40%	24%	44%	57%	42%	58%	52%	43%	39%	63%	51%	26%	40%	46%	60%	50%
I'd fear how other people may react if I fostered a disabled child	2%	1%	3%	-	-	5%	2%	4%	1%	3%	6%	-	5%	-	-	0%	7%	-
Other	21%	11%	28%	19%	28%	17%	13%	27%	25%	18%	19%	20%	24%	30%	32%	5%	9%	24%
Don't know	4%	0%	6%	9%	3%	4%	6%	-	4%	4%	7%	-	4%	-	8%	6%	-	-

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And which, if any, of the following would be likely to encourage you to foster a child who has a disability or serious emotional and behavioural problems?
(Please tick all that apply)

	Unweighted Base	176	67	109	23	30	36	38	49	94	82	18	15	29	15	25	30	28	16
Base: All Scottish Adults who would ever consider fostering a child but who would not/ were unsure if they would consider fostering a child with a disability or serious emotional and behavioural problems	200	82	118	33	35	48	38	45	79	120	18	11	37	18	41	30	25	21	
Continual financial compensation	28%	26%	29%	27%	32%	23%	35%	23%	38%	21%	20%	35%	20%	28%	41%	28%	24%	21%	
Payment to have my house adapted to suit their needs	35%	33%	36%	20%	36%	33%	44%	38%	52%	23%	40%	54%	33%	41%	25%	32%	49%	23%	
A comprehensive respite package	48%	50%	46%	34%	38%	49%	55%	58%	59%	40%	49%	82%	40%	44%	52%	47%	67%	13%	
Training to help me understand their needs better as a foster carer	63%	61%	64%	67%	63%	55%	62%	70%	74%	56%	56%	67%	66%	56%	73%	45%	78%	55%	
A support system in place for me/ the child (e.g. telephone helpline)	54%	45%	60%	58%	45%	41%	55%	69%	61%	49%	52%	72%	56%	68%	52%	47%	55%	41%	
Other	8%	4%	10%	-	16%	4%	10%	10%	6%	9%	-	14%	3%	21%	15%	-	12%	-	
Not applicable – nothing would encourage me to foster a child with a disability or serious emotional and behavioural problems	18%	28%	12%	26%	19%	15%	29%	6%	12%	23%	33%	14%	18%	17%	5%	32%	-	37%	

To what extent do you agree or disagree with the following statement?

I think that children with disabilities or serious emotional and behavioural problems are generally better off being looked after outside the family home in a residential care home, rather than being placed in a foster home

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Strongly agree	4%	4%	3%	2%	1%	5%	6%	4%	3%	4%	3%	6%	2%	5%	3%	6%	1%	4%	
Agree	9%	10%	8%	7%	13%	8%	9%	8%	10%	8%	12%	7%	6%	10%	9%	11%	6%	10%	
Neither agree nor disagree	27%	30%	25%	39%	21%	30%	23%	28%	26%	29%	25%	31%	26%	23%	25%	31%	29%	31%	
Disagree	31%	27%	35%	28%	28%	28%	35%	33%	33%	29%	34%	28%	31%	27%	35%	23%	36%	31%	
Strongly disagree	14%	12%	16%	11%	14%	14%	14%	15%	13%	14%	10%	16%	22%	13%	12%	22%	12%	7%	
Don't know	15%	17%	14%	13%	24%	16%	14%	13%	14%	16%	15%	13%	14%	23%	17%	7%	16%	17%	