

Website announcement

28th August 2020

Outcomes First Group is pleased to announce the acquisition of Next Step Fostering Services from the Ward Family on 28th August 2020.

Kent based Next Steps along with sister companies Ryancare in London and Safehouses in Norfolk, join National Fostering Groups family of agencies to find the best Foster Carers for looked after children in the South East including Cambridgeshire, Essex and Norfolk.

National Fostering Group is the UK's largest provider of independent fostering services, helping to support Local Authorities meet their statutory sufficiency duty to provide safe and secure foster homes for those children and young people for whom they have a legal responsibility.

Next Step's Director Lesley Ward said "I'm really delighted to see the Next Step group inc Ryan care and Safehouses join the National Fostering Group. Genuine care,,compassion and professionalism are qualities that we share which will only serve to enhance what we all strive for... encouraging and empowering those we work for and with."

Steve Christie, Managing Director for National Fostering Group commented, "I am delighted to welcome the Next Step, Safehouses and Ryancare teams to National Fostering Group. Their excellent reputation is a great addition to our family and their approach to fostering fits very well with our own proposition placing children at the heart of everything we do. Together we will continue to deliver exceptional outcomes for the children and young people in our care and build incredible future by empowering vulnerable children and young adults in the UK to be happy and make their way in the world."

Next Steps, RyanCare and Safehouses Fostering will continue to operate under their existing Ofsted registrations.

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