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How to Guide

**Jumma Khutbah (Friday Sermon)
on Fostering & Adoption**

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1. Purpose

Thank you for signing up your Mosque to take part in the #FosterFriday2020 campaign.

This document contains advise and guidance on how to successfully deliver a Jumma Khutbah on fostering and adoption at your mosque insha'Allah (God Willing).

There is also a guidance on what to do if any member of the community wants to apply to become a foster carer or adopter or help in any other way.

2. When

Foster Friday will take place on 20th March 2020.

Foster Friday is a campaign run by the Muslim Foster Network (MFN).

3. Why

- To raise awareness in the Muslim community about the need for more foster carers and adopters.
- To provide a basic understanding of the importance of fostering and adoption in Islam.
- To encourage and motivate more people from the Muslim community to consider applying to become foster carers and adopters.
- To encourage and motivate more people from the Muslim community to help support the Muslim Foster Network to raise awareness in the community.

4. Register

This campaign is run by MFN and you are required to register at the link below:

www.muslimfosternetwork.org.uk/fosterfriday/

This web link contains a number of useful tools that will help your Mosque to raise awareness about this topic and assist the Imam to prepare to deliver the Khutbah.

Online Tools:

- **Guideline for the Khutbah** - which contains details on how to approach the khutbah, examples of the Prophet Mohammed's (PBUH) childhood, hadiths, statistics and some stories of foster carers.
- **Posters & leaflets** - there are posters and leaflets that can be downloaded and printed or shared on social media.
- **Press Release** - that can be shared with local media to help raise awareness and promote that your Mosque is pro-actively involved.

If you are having any trouble with accessing these tools online you may also request this information by emailing **events@myfosterfamily.com**

5. Promote

It would be useful if the Mosque can identify one person who will take the lead on ensuring the message is shared and any enquires are given the correct information.

Share the message in your community to make them aware the Mosque is taking part in this initiative; this may encourage more people to attend. There may be people who may not be able to attend the Mosque on that day so it will also be useful to get the message to them.

- Share message on your website
- Share message on your newsletter
- Share message on your Facebook, Twitter, Instagram
- Share the message on your WhatsApp group

Use following handles and hash-tags

- twitter.com/MuslimFostering
- facebook.com/muslimfostering
- instagram.com/muslimfosternetwork
- **#FosterFriday2020 #YouCanAdopt**

Print an A4 poster and hang it up on a notice board

Print A5 leaflets and distribute; especially after the Jummah Khutbah

6. What Next?

- If any member of your congregation expresses an interest in fostering or adoption they should be sign-posted to register on the website below;
muslimfosternetwork.org.uk/apply-now-to-become-a-muslim-foster-carer
- Once they have registered, they will receive an email confirmation, followed by a phone call by one of our trained advisors.
- After completing the initial assessment, the advisor will be able to provide feedback, based on the individuals or family circumstances, if they are in a position to progress with the application.
- Our research has highlighted a number of barriers to Muslim becoming foster carers and adopters and these will be discussed in more detail with applicant.
- Depending on the circumstances of the applicant, location or their preference we can refer them onto the local authority or an independent fostering agency.

7. Information Event

If there is a good level of interest in your mosque and you would like MFN to come and do a follow up event for any individuals interested in applying to become a foster carer or adopter or for anyone who would like to get involved in other ways, please email;

events@myfosterfamily.com.