



### Could you provide a loving home for Karim?

Karim is 12 years old and is of medium build. Karim travelled to Northern Ireland from North Africa with his family when he was very young. Karim does not attend the Mosque at present but this is something he may want to do, as he gets older. Karim does eat halal meat and enjoys going shopping for food that he likes. He also a very talented cook and likes to practice in the kitchen.

He has a real passion for animals and particularly loves dogs. Karim would like to live in a foster home where there are some furry family members to keep him company! He has tried horse riding before and this is an activity he would like to try again. He likes to keep active – riding his bike, going ice-skating and swimming are all activities that Karim enjoys.

Karim is very careful with his appearance; he likes to dress well and keeps himself neat and tidy. Unlike some other boys his age, he is very good at maintaining his personal hygiene. He does need some encouragement to brush his teeth after a busy day.

He attends a new school in Belfast and has made friendships in this school. Karim is a very bright young person, going to school and gaining educational attainments is something that is very important to him.

Karim is a sociable young person; he finds it easy to make friends and acts as a peacemaker if there are disputes among his friendship group. Karim is extremely kind and caring to others around him. While Karim has a lot of empathy for other people, he can find it harder to talk about his own feelings.

Karim has been through many difficult experiences in his young life. He is trying to make sense of all of these as well as starting a new school. He is also going through all the physical and emotional changes associated with adolescence. Karim is currently living in a group setting but would like a chance to be part of a forever family.

Karim really needs foster carer(s) who can provide him with a forever home and stability. Karim can live with other children but would benefit from one to one time in a foster placement. He needs a foster carer who will be nurturing and patient with him. Someone who likes to keep active and try new activities.

## Could you change Karim's future?

You will receive 24-hour social work support along with a comprehensive training package and annual fee provided monthly, alongside the additional fostering allowance to cover day-to-day expenses. Further support will be made available from other appropriate professionals to enable you to understand Karim's needs at different stages in his development. There will be a short-break carer identified for Karim to support him and his foster carer.

You will not be on your own, [we will support you by:](#)

- Providing a named social worker who will be available to you
- Out of hours social work services
- Training to enable you to understand Karim's particular needs
- A fee of £14,600 per annum attached to Karim's care placement, in addition to a monthly allowance to cover the costs of his day-to-day needs

If you feel you could be Karim's\* foster carer or want more information to help you decide, please get in touch by calling us on 0800 0720 137 or [fill in our online form](#). We would love to hear from you.

If you'd like to find out more about [Foster Care please click here](#). To contact the HSC Northern Ireland Adoption and Foster Care for [any general queries please click here](#).

*\*Karim's name has been changed to protect his identity.*