**Placement information**

In June 2019 the role of the Kinship Team in Fife Council was extended from being to identify and support Kinship carers to also assessing all new Kinship arrangement in Fife for LAC Children. At the time of the re-design there was a team manager, 1 Senior Practitioner and 4 family support Workers. Over the following 2 year the team has increase to the equivalent of 13 full time workers including 3 Senior Practitioners and 5 Social Workers. More recently 2 Social Work Assistants have been funded through Education - Learning with care to support the attendance of Children within a kinship household. In 2021 the Kinship Team had on average 23 active assessment at any time, with 78 carers being approved over the year.

The current focus of the Kinship Team is building a network of local resources to support the carer with what they most need, to in turn provide children with the best possible childhood. In addition to existing local resources a specialist Therapeutic Service for Kinship children will be launched in 2022.

**Supported lodgings**

Supported Lodgings is a registered adult placement service offering care to young people aged between 16 and 25. These young people are normally care experienced, although not being care experienced should not preclude young people from accessing this resource. Supported Lodgings is a creative care placement that offers a supportive living environment to enable young people to develop independence. Supported Lodgings is often used to transition young people from formal care to independence.

Supported Lodgings carers typically offer care to the following:

• Care experienced young people

• Young asylum seekers aged 16+

• Mother and baby placements

• Young people aged 16 when foster care has disrupted and no further foster care placement can be sourced

The supported lodgings team has grown from one full time social worker and two part time social work assistants in 2019, to now being led by a senior practitioner with an additional social work assistant. This increase in capacity has meant that more carers have been recruited and actively supported to provide young people with a stable home and opportunity to prepare for independence.