1. **INTRODUCTION**

This report describes the work of the London Borough of Newham Fostering Service, during the period 1st April 2018 to 31st March 2019. The report will outline

- our objectives
- the services we provide
- how the Service has developed during the reporting period
- our performance statistics
- our key objectives for 2019/2020

In doing so it sets out how the Service meets the requirements of the Fostering National Minimum Standards 2011, the Fostering Services (England) Regulations 2011, and subsequent related guidance and legislation concerning looked after children and young people.

The Fostering Service is part of the Children and Young People’s Service and its primary role is to recruit, assess, train and support in-house foster carers and Connected Persons Carers.