

Mockingbird at South Gloucestershire



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The
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Network

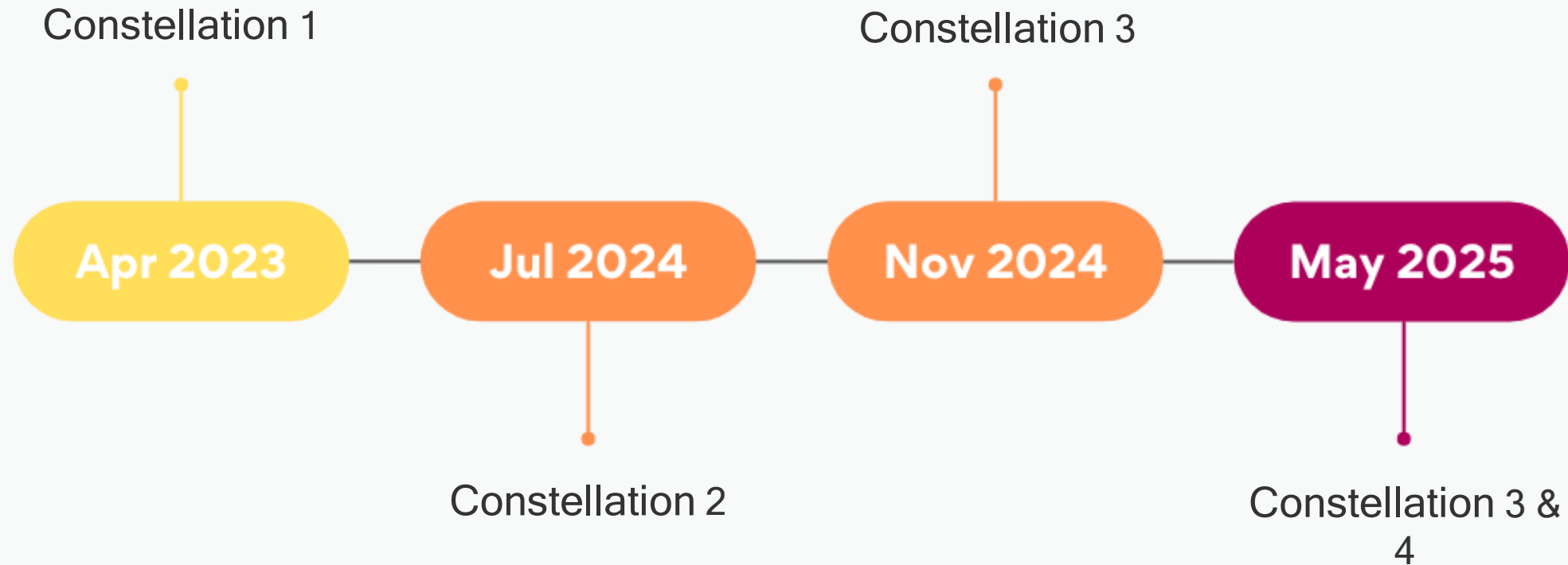


What is Mockingbird?

Mockingbird led by The Fostering Network in the UK, delivers sustainable foster care. It is an evidence-based model structured around the support and relationships an extended family provides.



Our Mockingbird journey



“We have loved every moment watching our constellation grow and also getting to know all the families that are involved that we support. We can see how much the young people and their carers are enjoying themselves when we all come together during the activities that we have organised. ”

“It is such an amazing role to have taken on and we are so proud to be part of it”

“We have a great sense of pride in how far we have come and how our hub has grown. We have built a community centred around our home where children feel safe and look forward to coming and spending time with us. We have worked hard to ensure that we and our home is a welcoming place for everyone in our Mockingbird family to gather and enjoy time together”

From our **Hub Carer's** perspective...



Impact of **Mockingbird** in South Glos

Of the **satellite carers** surveyed:

- **100%** said Mockingbird improved stability of their fostering experience
- **54%** said they would have otherwise resigned or considered resigning without Mockingbird
- **100%** very satisfied or satisfied with the support from Mockingbird
- Children of Foster Carers rated the support from Mockingbird **8 out of 10**

“It's lovely for our young people to get out there and enjoy themselves knowing that the other children are feeling the same as themselves”

“I am so lucky to be part of this team”

“It's so nice to feel part of a group that is in the same situation as yourself and to talk about things and realise that you're not on your own”

“Allowing our fostered children to feel part of an extended family and to not feel alone. Having other adults that understand the challenges we, as foster carers, have and offer guidance and support when we need it”

Feedback from the **foster carers** in constellations

“I love being part of Mockingbird and knowing I am not alone or the only foster kid around”

“I like the trips they are fun!”

“I like lots of stuff and its good to know the adults I have to stay with. We do lots of fun stuff”

“I like the sleepovers and activities!”

Feedback from the **children and young people** in constellations

Many thanks for listening

