

2022-2023 Achievements Report



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"It continues to be a privilege to be part of an organisation that makes such a difference to so many. This achievements report captures some of the key statistics and headlines for the year. And what an amazing year it was. Like many organisations, PACT has needed to respond to the continuing challenges we are living through and has again done this with tenacity, creativity and strength. We recognise that a lot of our staff and service users are also facing challenges and as an organisation we are doing what we can to support them."

What this report can't capture is the continued day to day commitment of the people at PACT to prioritise the needs of the children, families and women that we serve; the passion of our teams to always be the best we can be; the commitment to each other and how we support our colleagues."

PACT is a progressive organisation and our teams have continued to embrace technology, explore working differently and think about how we can better serve our beneficiaries. We were delighted to welcome Ofsted for the inspection of our adoption services and to be rated "Outstanding" for the third time in a row.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank the staff, volunteers, supporters and funders, without all of you we would not be able to make the difference to so many who need us. Most importantly, we would like to acknowledge our beneficiaries, the children, families and women, many of whom face significant adversity and display such courage in moving forwards."



ADOPTION

63 children placed with **41** families **58** families approved as adopters **56** applications from prospective adopters **88** adoption orders were made

1,043 enquiries from prospective adopters **27** adoption information events were held **692** prospective adopters attended information events

34% of parents who adopted identified as LGBTQ+ **12%** of those who adopted were single parents **24%** of placements were through fostering for adoption

63% of children placed were in siblings groups **34%** of children placed were aged five or older

29% of children placed were of Black, Asian or minority ethnicities

Diversity of the adoption panel

PACT's adoption panel is made up of 23% male and 77% female panel members. 39% of members are from Black, mixed and minority ethnicities, 30% identify as LGBTQ+ and 19% are adoptive parents.

"We've had a smooth journey with PACT and we're forever grateful for [our social worker]. She's been brilliant, and the whole PACT team have been wonderful." - PACT parent

"We were so impressed by the support from our social worker and our family finder - it felt like we had an incredible team supporting us." - PACT parent

"We felt respected and cared for by everyone we dealt with at PACT, right from the start. Both panels were thoughtful and supportive. We have already accessed support since placement and it was brilliant." - PACT parent



ADOPTION SUPPORT

3,693 people were registered to use CATCH **247K** views of CATCH pages by users

484 users attended live CATCH webinars **2.3K** views of CATCH webinars and videos



182 children received therapeutic support through FACTS **147** families were supported by the Strengthening Families Team **84** families attended one of our two family fun days

228 people accessed the support of an adopter champion

80 children, teenagers and young people attended group sessions

"Before I started Adoptee Voices I felt like I was the only one who was adopted but now I feel more connected to other people who were adopted and that it's OK to be adopted." - Adoptee Voices attendee





ALANA HOUSE

291

women attended Alana House groups, courses, café drop-in sessions or one-to-one support

243

group sessions were attended by 85 women

154

hours of counselling were provided to 13 women

61

women received donations, food parcels and food bank referrals

AWARDS

Alana House volunteers were awarded the Queen's Award for Voluntary Service, the equivalent of an MBE



Alana House's Enrich project, in partnership with Thames Valley Police and Berkshire Healthcare's Liaison and Diversion service, won the 2022 Howard League for Penal Reform Award in the 'women' category

the Howard League
for Penal Reform



"I feel like I have learnt more about myself as well as learning things to help me live independently."
- Alana House service user



"Without the support from Alana House I know that I probably would not be here right now and I certainly wouldn't have my daughter with me."
- Alana House service user

"It is hard to describe the amount of support [my support worker] has given me over the past year. I had a deep mistrust of professionals when first engaging with Alana House and it is to her credit that she is one of the few professionals that I trust."
- Alana House service user



BOUNCE BACK 4 KIDS

127

children supported by the BB4K team

7

BB4K groups were run

133

parents supported by the BB4K team

22

children received play therapy

Bounce
Back 4 Kids

Domestic Abuse Recovery Programme



"The team at BB4K are all worth their weight in gold. The support we received was incredible... I'm not a perfect parent, but I'm a much happier one, and there's no way I could have done it without all the support and advice from BB4K." - BB4K parent

"It has helped my child overcome what he went through and hasn't had any night terrors or bad dreams since, he gives me a cuddle and kiss every night and tells me he loves me a lot more and I get bear hugs from him. He is so much happier in himself, like a weight has lifted from his abuse from his dad - he is a very happy child again." - BB4K parent



FUNDRAISING

80

grants were provided by 56 trusts, foundations, public bodies, local authorities and major donors

£15k

raised through PACT's Garden Party, Carol Concert and Marathon in May fundraisers

£20k

raised by nine runners completing the 2022 London Marathon for PACT

£20k

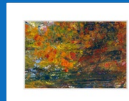
raised through The Big Give women and girls match funding campaign

Some of the exciting things that happened this year



PACT's adoption services were rated outstanding by Ofsted for the third time in a row at an inspection in March 2023

Alana House women created stunning artwork through the Painting with Purpose project, with prints available to buy in PACT's online shop



The Adopter Hub was rebranded to CATCH - Children and Trauma Community Hub, to better reflect the range of people it supports

Bounce, a new digital platform supporting families affected by domestic abuse, was launched



PACT TEAM

1900

hours of staff time were invested towards learning and development goals

55

new employees, contractors and volunteers were welcomed to PACT

At the end of the year, PACT had

37

volunteers spread across

7

different teams



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