

The
Fostering
Network



Mockingbird Programme Update 2020



About The Fostering Network

The Fostering Network is the UK's leading fostering charity. We are the essential network for fostering, bringing together everyone who is involved in the lives of fostered children. We support foster carers to transform children's lives and we work with fostering services and the wider sector to develop and share best practice.

We work to ensure all fostered children and young people experience stable family life and we are passionate about the difference foster care makes. We champion fostering and seek to create vital change so that foster care is the very best it can be.

About the Mockingbird Programme

The Fostering Network's Mockingbird programme is an innovative method of foster care using the Mockingbird Family Model. This is an extended family model that provides sleepovers and short breaks, peer support, regular joint planning and training, and social activities.

The programme improves the stability of fostering placements and strengthens the relationships between carers, children and young people, fostering services and birth families.

For more information visit thefosteringnetwork.org.uk/mockingbird

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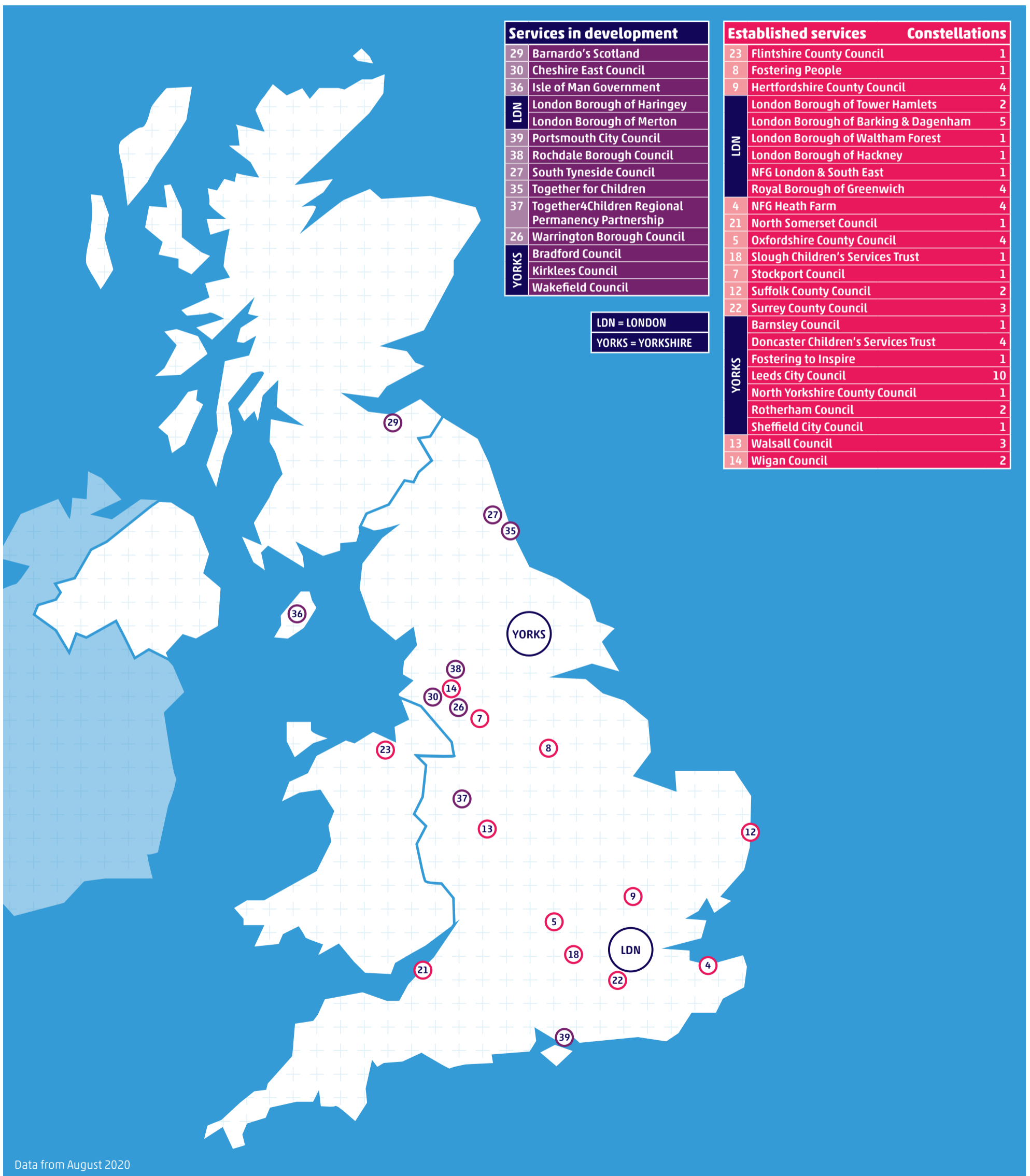


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Mockingbird Programme Map

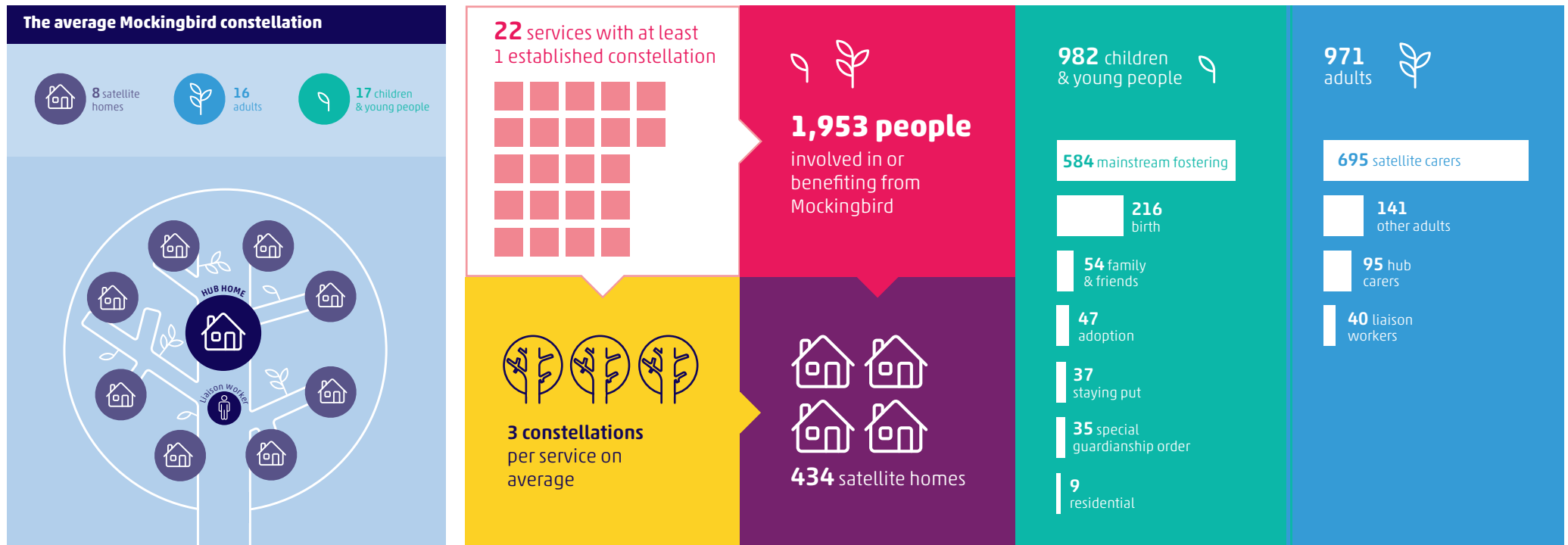
This map shows the distribution of 39 Mockingbird partners with 61 constellations as of August 2020, with more launching every month.



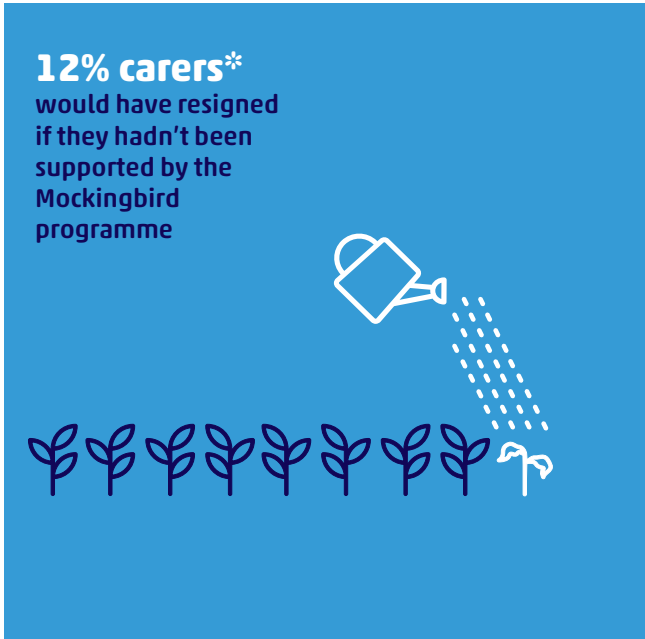
Mockingbird Programme Outcomes

The infographics on this page show point-in-time programme numbers and estimated outcomes using data from 22 Mockingbird partners reporting to March 2020, without a comparison group.

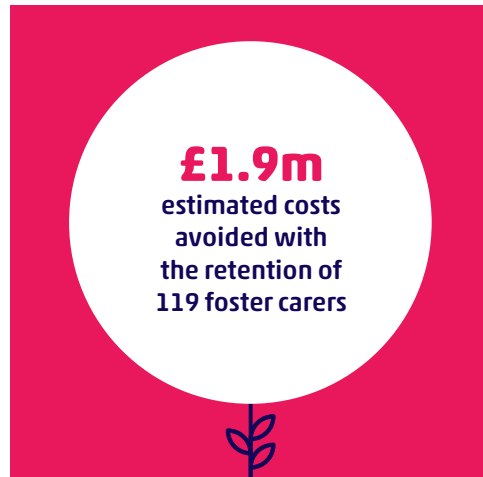
This national summary is made possible through Mockingbird partners' ongoing commitment and contribution to shared learning across the national Mockingbird community.



Carer retention and placement stability



Costs avoided



- Graphic 1 (carer resignations avoided) - *Of the 972 satellite carers participating in the programme between May 2018 and March 2020, services reported 119 would have resigned without the support provided by the Mockingbird programme
- Graphic 2 (placement breakdowns avoided) - *Of the 1,079 children and young people in placements participating in the programme between May 2018 and March 2020, services reported 216 placement breakdowns have been avoided
- Graphic 3 (residential care placements avoided) - *It has been assumed that the placement breakdowns avoided would have resulted in a placement change but services reported there were at least 5 additional cases where entry into residential care was prevented



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