

Private Fostering

What is private fostering?

Private fostering is an arrangement whereby a child under the age of 16 (or 18 if the child has a disability) is placed for 28 days or more in the care of someone who is **not** the child's parent, grandparent, aunt, uncle, sister, brother or step-parent. In a private fostering arrangement, the parent retains Parental Responsibility.

It is essential that the local authority are notified if a child is living with someone who is not their parent or a 'connected person' for longer than 28 days.

The local authority need to be satisfied that the placement is suitable and the child is safe. To be defined as 'private fostering', the child must be living with that person for longer than 28 days and this should be continuous, but can include occasional short breaks.

More information can be found by following the link below:

<https://childlawadvice.org.uk/information-pages/private-fostering/>