



PRIVATE FOSTERING INFORMATION FOR CHILDREN & YOUNG PEOPLE

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OUTCOMES FOR CHILDREN**

North Lincolnshire Local Safeguarding
Children Board, 145 Cherry Grove, Ashby,
Scunthorpe, DN16 2TH, Tel: 01724 298293





You are privately fostered if:

You are under the age of 16 (under 18 if disabled) and are living with someone for more than 28 days, who is not a member of your family.

What happens next

The person you are living with must let Children's Services know you are living with them. A social worker will visit and make sure you are being properly looked after.

The social worker will talk to you and your carers to find out whether you are happy and whether proper arrangements have been made for your schooling, your health etc.

If the place you are living is felt to be right for you to stay there, then your parents and the person looking after you will be told in a letter.

If you have any questions that you want to be answered, the social worker will be able to talk to you about them.

If you have a disability

If you have a disability when you are nearing the age of 18, your social worker will contact the Adult Community Care Services so that you can be assessed for any further help that you may need in the future.

Future Visits

A social worker will visit you every 6 weeks for the first year and then every 3 months following to make sure that you are still happy living where you are. You will be given the name of your social worker and you can speak to them between 9.00am - 5.00pm from Monday to Thursday, and 9.00am - 4.30pm on Friday on this phone number: 01724 297024. If you need to speak to someone when this office is closed, you can ring a social worker on 01724 296555 up to midnight.



Don't worry!

If you feel you want to speak to your social worker about any worries, or if you feel unhappy about anything, you can ask to see them on your own. The social worker may sometimes like to speak to you on your own so that they can be sure everything is alright where you live and at school.

Who can I talk to?

In North Lincolnshire, there are lots of people as well as your social worker that you can talk to about where you are living or about anything else that is worrying you.

If you are unhappy with your carer or your social worker, you can contact a Children's Advocate and speak to them or even write them a letter. This person may be able to help you sort any problems and talk about things that are worrying or upsetting you.

In North Lincolnshire we have a Children's Advocate, her name is:

Bev Goulding

Hewson House, Brigg
North Lincolnshire

01724 296639
07717586247

If you want to make a complaint about anybody who is visiting you or looking after you, you can talk to a person called the Complaints and Representations Manager. Her name is:

Julie Pointon

Hewson House, Brigg
North Lincolnshire

01724 296426

If you still feel unhappy you can also talk to:

The Office of the Children's Rights Director,

St Nicholas Building
St Nicholas Street
Newcastle upon Tyne
NE1 1NB

Freephone: 08005280731

Website: www.rights4me.org.uk

Contact Children's Services:

Church Square House,
30-40 High Street,
Scunthorpe
North Lincolnshire
DN15 6LN

Freephone 0800 0853737

Tel: 01724 296500
Minicom: 01724 297168

Extended Hours Team
(5pm - midnight) 01724 296555

If you require further information on services available, either contact your Local Link or Children's Services.

If you have any comments or suggestions about the information you have received, please let us know by contacting:

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Tel: 01724 298293

No English?

For information please call:

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