List of Agency Decision Makers,
Designated Managers and Nominated Officers

**Designated Managers with Specified Area of Responsibility**

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| **Designated Managers with Specified Area of Responsibility** | **Post Title and Contact Details** |
| **Agency Decision Maker (Adoption)**The Agency Decision Maker who makes decisions on all adoption matters (some of which will be made on the basis of a recommendation of the Adoption Panel). | **Post title**: Director of Children’s Services |
| **Agency Decision Maker (Fostering)**The Agency Decision Maker who makes decisions on fostering matters (on the basis of recommendations of the Fostering Panel). | **Post title**: Assistant Director Corporate Parenting |
| **Designated Manager (Adoption Support)**The manager who can authorise the level of adoption support to be provided to children, adopters (including financial support) and their family or birth family members. | **Post title**: Director of Children’s Services |
| **Designated Manager (Care Plans)**The manager who can authorise the final Care Plan to be taken before the Court within Care Proceedings. | **Post title**: Independent Reviewing Officer for the Child and Service Manager |
| **Designated Manager (Care Proceedings)**The manager who can authorise the initiating of Care Proceedings. | **Post title**: Assistant Directors of Children’s Social Care |
| **Designated Manager (Change of Name)**The manager who can authorise the change of name of a Looked After Child. | **Post title**: Director of Children’s Services |
| **Designated Manager (Contact with Parents)**The manager who can authorise the suspension or termination of contact between a Looked After child and his or her parents (subject to the Court's approval after 7 days for children on Emergency Protection Orders, Interim Care Orders or Care Orders). | **Post title**: Team Manager |
| **Designated Manager (Death or Serious Injury to a Child)**The senior manager who should be notified in the event of death or serious injury to a child. | **Post title**: Assistant Director Quality Assurance notifies Director of Children’s Services and Strategic Director (In the absence of the Assistant Director Quality Assurance, the Assistant Director in whose area the child’s case is held to notify Director of Children’s Services) |
| **Designated Manager (Decision to Look After)**The manager who can authorise a child becoming Looked After. | **Post title**: Assistant Directors Children’s Social Care |
| **Designated Manager (Emergency Protection Orders)**The manager who can authorise an application for an Emergency Protection Order. | **Post title**: Assistant Directors Children’s Social Care |
| **Designated Manager (Emigration)**The manager who can authorise the placement of a Looked after child outside England and Wales. | **Post title**: Strategic Director |
| **Designated Manager (Exemptions and Extensions from Fostering Limit)**The manager who can authorise any exemptions from the usual fostering limit for foster carers living in the local authority area. | **Post title**: Director of Children’s Services |
| **Designated Manager (External Placements)**The manager who can authorise placements of Looked After children with external providers of residential care or foster carers from an independent fostering agency. | **Post title**: Director of Children’s Services / Director of Commissioning and Community Safety |
| **Designated Manager (Fostering Panel Appointments)**The manager who can authorise appointments to the Central List of Fostering Panel members | **Post title**: Assistant Director Corporate Parenting |
| **Designated Manager (Leaving Care)**The manager who can approve a Pathway Plan. | **Post title**: Team Manager |
| **Designated Manager (Marriage)**The manager who can authorise the marriage of a Looked After child. | **Post title**: Director of Children’s Services |
| **Designated Manager (Notifications)**Where a Looked After Child from another local authority has been placed in the area, the manager to whom the notification should be sent. | **Post title**: Assistant Director Quality Assurance / Assistant Director Corporate Parenting |
| **Designated Manager (Passports)**The manager who can authorise a passport application for a Looked After child. | **Post title**: Assistant Directors Children’s Social Care |
| **Designated Manager (Placement Orders)**The manager who can authorise an application for a Placement Order. | **Post title**: Director of Children’s Services / Assistant Director Corporate Parenting |
| **Designated Manager (Private Fostering)**The manager who can approve assessments of private foster carers, impose requirements on private foster carers or decide to prohibit someone from acting as a private foster carer. | **Post title**: Team Manager (Assessments) / Service Manager Assessments / Assistant Director Early Help, Access and Assessments |
| **Designated Manager (Secure Accommodation)**The manager who can authorise:A placement of a Looked After child in secure accommodation for up to 72 hours without a Secure Accommodation Order; and/orAn application for a Secure Accommodation Order; and/orA child's continued secure placement on the recommendation of the Secure Accommodation Review Panel; and/orApplications to renewal Secure Accommodation Orders on the recommendation of the Secure Accommodation Review Panel. | **Post title**: Strategic Director of Children’s Services |
| **Designated Manager (Special Guardianship)**The manager who can authorise Special Guardianship as the permanence plan for a Looked After child. | **Post title**: Service Manager (FSCP or CLA) / Assistant Director Safeguarding / Assistant Director Corporate Parenting |
| **Designated Manager (Special Guardianship Support)**The manager who can authorise the level of special guardianship support to be provided, including financial support to special guardians. | **Post title**: Assistant Director Corporate Parenting |
| **Nominated Officer (Disruption of Education)**The manager who can authorise the change of placement affecting a Looked After child in Key Stage 4. | **Post title**: Assistant Director Safeguarding / Assistant Director Corporate Parenting |
| **Nominated Officer (Fostering for Adoption)**The person who can authorise Fostering for Adoption. | **Post title**: Director of Children’s Services |
| **Nominated Officer (Out of Area Placements)**The manager who can authorise the placement of a Looked After child outside the area of the local authority. | **Post title**: Director of Children’s Services |
| **Nominated Officer (Immediate Placement of a Looked After Child with Connected Person)**The manager who can authorise the placement of a Looked After child with a family or friend ('Connected Person') who is not already approved as a foster carer. | **Post title**: Assistant Director Corporate Parenting |
| **Nominated Officer (Placement of a Looked After Child subject to Care Order or Interim Care Order with Parents)**The manager who can authorise the placement of a Looked After child with a parent, person with Parental Responsibility or person who held a Residence Order/Child Arrangements Order specifying with whom the child was to reside immediately before the Care Order. | **Post title**: Director of Children’s Services: |