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**1.02 Agency Decision Makers, Designated Managers and Nominated Officers**

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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). | Assistant Director Children’s Social CareCorporate Parenting Manager |
| **Agency Decision Maker (Fostering)**The Agency Decision Maker who makes decisions on fostering matters (on the basis of recommendations of the Fostering Panel). | Corporate Parenting Manager |
| **Designated Manager (Adoption Panel Appointments)**The manager who can authorise appointments to the Central List of Adoption Panel members. | Adopt North East |
| **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. | Corporate Parenting Manager  |
| **Designated Manager (Care Plans)**The manager who can authorise the final Care Plan to be taken before the Court within Care Proceedings. | Service Manager |
| **Designated Manager (Care Proceedings)**The manager who can authorise the initiating of Care Proceedings. | Service Manager |
| **Designated Manager (Change of Name)**The manager who can authorise the change of name of a Looked After Child. | Assistant Director Children’s Social Care  |
| **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). | Service 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. | Assistant Director Children’s Social Care  |
| **Designated Manager (Decision to Look After)**The manager who can authorise a child becoming Looked After. | Assistant Director Children’s Social Care / Service Managers |
| **Designated Manager (Emigration)**The manager who can authorise the placement of a Looked after child outside England and Wales. | Assistant Director Children’s Social Care  |
| **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. | Corporate Parenting Manager |
| **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. | Assistant Director Children’s Social Care  |
| **Designated Manager (Fostering Panel Appointments)**The manager who can authorise appointments to the Central List of Fostering Panel members | Corporate Parenting Manager |
| **Designated Manager (Leaving Care)**The manager who can approve a Pathway Plan. | Team Manager |
| **Designated Manager (Marriage)**The manager who can authorise the marriage of a Looked After child. | Assistant Director Children’s Social Care  |
| **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. | Director of Children, Education and Skills |
| **Designated Manager (Passports)**The manager who can authorise a passport application for a Looked After child. | Service Manager |
| **Designated Manager (Placement Orders)**The manager who can authorise an application for a Placement Order. | Assistant Director Children’s Social Care  |
| **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. | Service Manager |
| **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/or An 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. | Director of Children, Education and Skills / Assistant Director Children’s Social Care  |
| **Designated Manager (Special Guardianship)**The manager who can authorise Special Guardianship as the permanence plan for a Looked After child. | Service Manager |
| **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. | Service Manager |
| **Nominated Officer (Disruption of Education)**The manager who can authorise the change of placement affecting a Looked After child in Key Stage 4. | Assistant Director Children’s Social Care  |
| **Nominated Officer (Fostering for Adoption)**The person who can authorise Fostering for Adoption. | Corporate Parenting Manager |
| **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. | Assistant Director Children’s Social Care  |
| **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. | Corporate Parenting Manager |
| **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. | Assistant Director Children’s Social Care  |