

We will arrange for a Social Worker to come and see you every six weeks and chat to you about everything. They will ask some questions to make sure you are living in the right place and are being looked after properly. You can also chat about what's worrying you if you need to.

Sometimes you might want to talk to someone else and you may find it easier to talk to your teacher or you can call

Childline on 0800 1111

or the

NSPCC on 0800 800 5000

We also have a Rights and Representation worker who can offer you advice and guidance – call him on 01952 385112 (office) or 07976 100588 (mobile) or email michael.bould@telford.gov.uk



CONTACT US

You can find out more about Private Fostering at:

www.telford.gov.uk/privatefostering or www.privatefostering.org.uk

If you want to contact your Social Worker their details are

Name of social worker: _____

Email: _____

Telephone number: _____

You can also contact Family Connect for help and support

Tel: 01952 385385

www.familyconnecttelford.co.uk

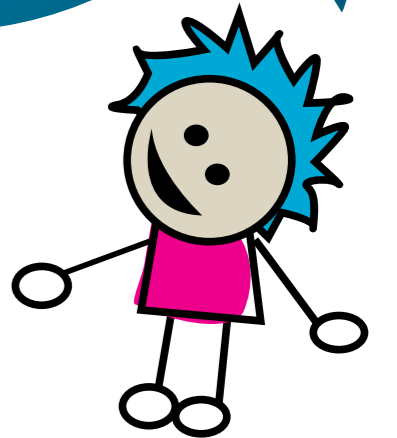


www.telfordsafeguardingboard.org.uk



ARE YOU BEING LOOKED AFTER BY SOMEONE WHO IS NOT A CLOSE RELATIVE?

Information for children



Close relatives include:

Parents
Aunts and Uncles
Grandparents

Friend
Cousin
Divorced step-parent

Not a close relative:

Sometimes your family ask someone else to look after you. This could be because they are poorly or they have to visit somewhere important. Your family still love you and want you to be safe.

If you move into someone else's home and think you will be there for 28 days or more then this is called Private Fostering. Telford & Wrekin Council must be told about this so we can make sure you are being looked after properly and to help the new people whom you are living with.

The people that you used to live with need to know that you are looked after properly and that the new people which you are staying with make sure:

- you have breakfast, lunch and dinner every day
- your clothes are clean and tidy
- you go to nursery or school
- you continue your religious beliefs
- you meet friends and do fun things
- you go to the doctor and dentist if you need to
- you keep in touch with your mum, dad or whoever you used to live with.

The new people whom you live with are called your private foster carers and some of the things which they can't do are:

- change your name
- change your school without permission from the people who you used to live with
- move you to another place or overseas or to another family.

The law says that your Local Authority must make sure that every child is safe and well looked after. The best way for us to do this is to know where every child is living. We need your parents or the family you are living with to tell us when you are moving to live with somebody else and for how long you will be there. Its best to tell us before you move in but it's OK to tell us if you are already living there.