

**Flowchart for children and young people applying to travel from Ukraine without parents or guardians to live with sponsors**

 Introduction

This guidance and flowchart summarises guidance published for councils about the processing of existing Homes for Ukraine applications made by children who are not travelling with or joining their parent or legal guardian under the Homes for Ukraine Scheme. Councils are required to carry out pre and post-arrival checks and ongoing monitoring of sponsorship arrangements to ensure children are being cared for appropriately.

Social work practitioners directly involved in undertaking suitability checks of proposed sponsors or supporting children or young people living with sponsors under the scheme should refer to the full Government Guidance: [*Homes for Ukraine: Guidance for councils(children and minors applying without parents or legal guardians*](https://www.gov.uk/guidance/homes-for-ukraine-guidance-for-councils-children-and-minors-applying-without-parents-or-legal-guardians)*)*

 Overview of framework

The process outlined in the Government guidance is based on Private Fostering procedures. Although children and young people from Ukraine who are travelling to live with sponsors without their parent or legal guardian may not all fit within Private Fostering criteria, Private Fostering guidance and assessment formats provide a robust framework for this work.

Government Guidance extends the arrangement to include children up to the age of 18 and for all children and young people including those who are living with a close relative – this is where the arrangements differ from private fostering.

 Further information

For further information please see:

[Homes for Ukraine: council guides](https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/homes-for-ukraine-council-guides)

[Homes for Ukraine: Guidance for councils (children and minors applying without parents or legal guardians](https://www.gov.uk/guidance/homes-for-ukraine-guidance-for-councils-children-and-minors-applying-without-parents-or-legal-guardians))

[Tri.x Chapter on Private Fostering](https://birminghamcs.proceduresonline.com/p_private_fost.html?zoom_highlight=private+fostering)

Inform BCC’s Homes for Ukraine team who will record on Foundry and DLUHC inform sponsor that arrangement not approved

Assessment

Negative

Assessment positive

Refer to CASS for lateral checks

Issues from checks

Issues from checks

Checks OK

Checks OK

Sponsor Application received from Home Office by BCC

Homes for Ukraine Team

Homes for Ukraine Team complete checks – passport, DBS etc

Advise BCC Homes for Ukraine team who will record on Foundry

ASTI complete initial visit, accommodation check etc – recorded on Reg 4 template- Once completed the work list is reassigned to PF team for the PF assessment

Safeguarding

concerns

No safeguarding concerns

Private Fostering Team completes Sponsor Suitability Assessment (using the PF assessment)

**Within 24 hours of child’s arrival** ASTI visits then reassigns to Safeguarding Team

Inform BCC’s Homes for Ukraine team

Safeguarding Team completes six weekly visits, recording on the Reg 8 template.

Support and visits continue as per Private Fostering requirements, but extended up to child becoming 18 or arrangement ending