

List of Agency Decision Makers, Designated Managers and Nominated Officers

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Designated Managers with Specified Area of Responsibility

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 and Contact details: Service Director Children and Families jayne.shelbournbarrow@somerset.gov.uk Head of Service, Quality Assurance jane.sprague@somerset.gov.uk Head of Service, Assessment and Safeguarding kelly.brewer@somerset.gov.uk
Agency Decision Maker (Fostering) The Agency Decision Maker who makes decisions on fostering matters (based on recommendations of the Fostering Panel, or/and when there are recommendations for approval change).	Post title and Contact details: Service Director Children and Families jayne.shelbournbarrow@somerset.gov.uk Head of Service, Quality Assurance jane.sprague@somerset.gov.uk Head of Service, Assessment and Safeguarding kelly.brewer@somerset.gov.uk
Agency Decision Maker (Fostering) The Agency Decision Maker who makes decisions on continued approval of foster carers, when there are no recommended changes to approval following a fostering review.	Post title and Contact details: Operations Manager, Fostering Matthew.randles@somerset.gov.uk Independent Safeguarding Review Officer jane.ledwood@somerset.gov.uk



Agency Decision Maker (Fostering/Kinship)

The Agency Decision Maker who makes decisions on continued approval of kinship foster carers, when there are no recommended changes to approval following a fostering review.

Post title and Contact details:

Operations Manager, Permanence and Wellbeing lisa.walker@somerset.gov.uk

Independent Safeguarding Review Officer jane.ledwood@somerset.gov.uk

Designated Manager (Adoption Panel Appointments)

The manager who can authorise appointments to the Central List of Adoption Panel members.

This is now held by Adopt South West the regional adoption agency.

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.

Pre-order

Post title and Contact details:

Executive Director Children and Families Claire.winter@somerset.gov.uk

Service Director Children and Families jayne.shelbournbarrow@somerset.gov.uk

Post-order

Post title and Contact details:

Adopt Southwest Amanda.white@devon.gov.uk

Designated Manager (Care Plans)

The manager who can authorise the final Care Plan to be taken before the Court within Care Proceedings.

Any operations manager responsible for oversight of the case.



Designated Manager	Post title and Contact details:
(Care Proceedings)	Service Director Children and Families jayne.shelbournbarrow@somerset.gov.uk
The manager who can authorise the initiating of Care Proceedings.	Legal Gateway Panel Chair
Designated Manager (Change of Name)	Please see management delegation chart.
The manager who can authorise the change of name of a Looked After Child.	
Designated Manager (Contact with Parents)	Any operations manager responsible for oversight of the case.
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).	
Designated Manager	Post title and Contact details:
(Death or Serious Injury to a Child)	Executive Director Children and Families <u>Claire.winter@somerset.gov.uk</u>
The senior manager who should be notified in the event of death or serious injury to a child.	Service Director Children and Families jayne.shelbournbarrow@somerset.gov.uk
Designated Manager	Post title and Contact details:
(Decision to Look After)	Service Director Children and Families jayne.shelbournbarrow@somerset.gov.uk
The manager who can authorise a child becoming Looked After.	Legal Gateway Panel Chair



Designated Manager (Emergency Protection Orders) The manager who can authorise an application for an Emergency Protection Order.	Post title and Contact details: Service Director Children and Families jayne.shelbournbarrow@somerset.gov.uk Delegated Head of Service
Designated Manager (Emigration) The manager who can authorise the placement of a Looked after child outside England and Wales.	Please see management delegation chart.
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 and Contact details: Operations Manager, Fostering Matthew.randles@somerset.gov.uk Operations Manager, Permanence and Wellbeing lisa.walker@somerset.gov.uk
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 and Contact details: Service Director Children and Families jayne.shelbournbarrow@somerset.gov.uk
Designated Manager (Fostering Panel Appointments)	Post title and Contact details: Operations Manager, Fostering Matthew.randles@somerset.gov.uk



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	Head of Service, Assessment and Safeguarding kelly.brewer@somerset.gov.uk
Designated Manager (Private Fostering)	Any operations manager responsible for the management of the case.
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.	
Designated Manager (Secure Accommodation)	Post title and Contact details: Executive Director Children and Families Claire.winter@somerset.gov.uk
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/or A child's continued secure placement on the recommendation of the Secure Accommodation Review Panel; and/or Applications to renewal Secure Accommodation Orders on the recommendation of the Secure Accommodation Review Panel.	
Designated Manager	Post title and Contact details:
(Special Guardianship) The manager who can authorise Special Guardianship as the	Service Director Children and Families jayne.shelbournbarrow@somerset.gov.uk



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permanence plan for a Looked After child.	
Designated Manager	Post title and Contact details:
(Special Guardianship Support)	Service Director Children and Families jayne.shelbournbarrow@somerset.gov.uk
The manager who can authorise the level of special guardianship support to be provided, including financial support to special guardians.	
Nominated Officer (Disruption of Education)	The Operations manager responsible for the management of the case.
The manager who can authorise the change of placement affecting a Looked After child in Key Stage	
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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.

Operations Manager, Permanence and Wellbeing lisa.walker@somerset.gov.uk

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.

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