



Centre for Professional Practice

## Practice Briefing Note 98

<b>Title:</b>	<b>Special Guardianship Order No Detriment Policy</b>
<b>Effective From:</b>	<b>29<sup>th</sup> April 2021</b>
<b>Practice Note:</b>	<p>The <a href="#">Special Guardianship Order No Detriment Policy</a> is a scheme designed to encourage Special Guardianship Applications from family and friends, Foster Carers, and Independent Fostering Agencies for the children they look after. It allows Dudley to pay carers an allowance equivalent to the fostering payment they were receiving at the time the Special Guardianship Order was made, through to when the child reaches the age of 18 years.</p> <p>The Policy is based on the principle that where a permanency order is agreed as being in the child's best interest, there should be no financial disincentive for the carer to become the permanency carer for the child.</p> <p>The Policy sets out the criteria for eligibility and the circumstances which justify financial support, which is subject to an assessment and reviewed annually.</p> <p>This Special Guardianship Order No Detriment Policy will be reviewed in 2025, and has been uploaded in to the Policies and Procedures / Practice Guidance on Dudley's Centre for Professional Practice Website, <a href="#">click here</a> to view.</p>
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