

# Are you living with another family?

If yes this is called Private Fostering



## What is Private fostering?

If you are under 16, or under 18 if you have a disability and you live with an adult who looks after you instead of your parents for more than 28 days. The person who looks after you will not be related to you like your Auntie or Grandma. They could be a neighbour or friend. Your Mum or Dad may have agreed that this person can look after you and may even be paying them some money to do so.

## Why does it happen?

Your Mum or Dad might not be able to look after you for different reasons. They may think it's best to ask another adult to look after you for a while, or you may have made this decision for yourself.

## What happens to me?

If you are Privately Fostered it means that you will be living in someone else's home rather than with your family. Your parents and private foster carer must tell Services for Children and Young People that they have made this arrangement, so that a social worker can offer you support.

## What will a Social Worker do?

The Law says that a social worker must make sure that you are well looked after where you are living. A social worker is a person employed by the council whose job it is to make sure children and young people are properly cared for. They will come to see you and make sure you are happy living with the private foster carer and they will talk to the person caring for you to see if they need any help. They may also keep in touch with your parents to let them know how you are doing.

## Can I still see my Mum and Dad or other members of my family? YES

The person looking after you should consider what you want and they will make arrangements for you to see your mum and dad or other family members if that is what you want. Your social worker may also help you to do this.

## What do I do if I am living with someone else?

Please contact Services for Children and Young People on 0161 342 4150 or the Private Fostering social worker on 0161 342 4446/4477.

## Useful people who can help you

Private Fostering Social Worker: 0161 342 4446/4477

Child Line: 0800 884 444

Complaints Team: 0161 366 4339/4340

Services for Children and Young People: 0161 342 4150

## Other Formats

This information can be made available in other formats such as Large Print, Braille, Audiotape and CD and in a format accessible to people with a learning disability. To get a copy in one of these formats, please contact the Private Fostering Service on 0161 342 4446/4477.

We can also translate the information into other languages for example Bengali, Gujarati and Urdu.



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