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Private Fostering Guidance for young people

What is private fostering?

If you are under the age of 16 (18 if you're disabled) and are being looked after by someone who is not a close relative to you for more than 28 days. The person who is looking after you is called your private foster carer.

Who is a close relative?

A close relative is someone who is a grandparent, brother, sister, aunt and or someone related to you by marriage as a step-parent.

Why might a child or young person be privately fostered?

There are many reasons why you may not be living at home.

- Your mum or dad may be ill and have to go away for some time.
- You have come to this country to go to school, college or get medical care.
- You might have fallen out with your family and are staying with a friend or neighbours until things are sorted.

There may also be other reasons why you might be privately fostered.

What should happen if you are privately fostered?

You need to let someone know if you are being privately fostered. You need to tell your teacher, a friend, your doctor or an adult looking after you phone 01483 222222. We need to make sure that you are happy and well.



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