



Here are some things that Young People have said about private fostering:

“Privately fostered Young People should have the social workers number to ring if they feel unsafe”

“Privately Fostered Young People need more information about their new families”

“Make sure privately fostered Young People can talk freely with their social worker apart from the carers”



Want more information, then get in touch:

To find out more about Private Fostering or to tell someone that you think you are privately fostered you can call the:

Multi Agency Safeguarding Hub (MASH)

0161 253 5678

Or e-mail:

childwellbeing@bury.gov.uk

For more information search on line:

Bury Council—Private Fostering or go to www.privatefostering.org.uk



Information for Young People

Are you living with a friend, neighbour or another family?

Or do you know a child or young person who is being cared for by someone else?

If so, you need to read this leaflet.



Private Fostering





What is Private Fostering?

- Where you are under 16 (or under 18 if you have a disability) and you or your parents have arranged for you to live with another adult instead of your Mum or Dad for over 28 days.
- If the person who you will be staying with for over 28 days is a close relative, that is your grandparent, brother, sister, uncle or aunt (all by blood) or a step-parent (by marriage or civil partnership) then you are not Privately Fostered.
- If you are Privately Fostered it means that you will be living with someone else who is not a close relative for over 28 days.

Here are some examples of Young People who may be privately fostered:

- A child from overseas who is sent to live with a family in this country for education or health care
- A teenager living with a friend's family because they don't get on with their own family.
- A teenager staying with the parents of their boyfriend/girlfriend because they don't get on with their own parents
- A child staying with a friend's family because one or both their parents are in hospital and there is no one to look after them at home.
- A child staying with another family because their parents have separated or divorced.



What will Children and Young People's Services do?

The law says that Bury Council must make sure that you are well cared for where you are living and they will arrange for you to be visited to see if you are okay.

You and the person looking after you will be offered support to see if either of you need any help.

Your parents and your private foster carer must tell Bury Council if you are living in someone else's house. We have to make sure that you are properly looked after.