

Further Information

Call the Bury Multi Agency Safeguarding Hub (MASH) for more information: 0161 253 5678 or email childwellbeing@bury.gov.uk

Or you can search for private fostering Bury online

Children's Rights Director 0800 528 0731

The child you are looking after can call to check their rights or have a look at the website for children living away from home. www.rights4me.org

Somebody Else's Child website:

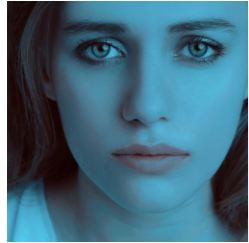
www.privatefostering.org.uk

My Social workers contact details:

Private Fostering in Bury



Information and advice for Young People



Introduction

Private fostering is an arrangement where a child under 16 (18 if disabled) is living with someone who is not a close relative for 28 days or more.

Your parents or carer should tell Bury Council who is looking after you and where you will be living. A decision will be made to check if the arrangement is considered private fostering.



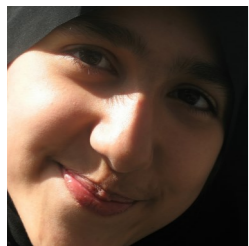
Once we know that you are privately fostered a social worker will come to see you. The social worker will make sure that you are happy living with your private foster carers and will want to talk to you to make sure that you are okay. They will also want to see that where you are living is suitable and you are getting the support you need.

What should my private foster carer do?



While you are living with your private foster carer they are responsible for your day-to-day care such as:

- Making sure you are well cared for i.e. regular meals, warm clean clothes, own bed;
- Make sure you go to school so you can learn;
- Take you to the doctor or the hospital if you are sick or injured, or if you need vaccinations;
- Take you to the dentist so your teeth are looked after properly;
- Make sure you have the chance to make friends and to enjoy sports and hobbies that you like;
- Help you stay in touch with your family
- Help you follow your religion; and customs that are important to you and your family.



Examples of Private Fostering:

- Children who live in Bury but who's parents are overseas, this could include children at a boarding school and living with host families
- Children placed with a football academy and living with a host family
- A teenager living with friends because they don't get on with their own family
- Teenagers living with the family of a boyfriend or girlfriend
- A child staying with friends because their parent is in hospital
- Children living with another family as a result of parental separation or divorce
- Children living with extended family, cousins great aunts/uncles

If you are living with a parent, grandparent, step parent, sibling, aunt/uncle you are not privately fostered.

What Bury Council will do

The social worker will visit you at least every six weeks, in the first year that you live with private foster carers. You can ask to see the social worker if you have something you want to talk to them about.

The social worker will talk to private foster carers to see if they need any help or support.

They will also get in touch with your parent(s) to make sure they know you are being well looked after in the private foster home.

If you are worried, unhappy or have been hurt tell an adult that you can trust, your parents, your teacher or your social worker. There is a space on the back of this leaflet for your social worker's name and telephone number.

