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You may be in Private Foster Care if you are being cared for full-time by someone who is not your mum, dad, step mum or step dad, grandparent, brother, sister, uncle or aunt. To be in private foster care, you must also be under the age of 16 (18 if you are disabled), and your carer and your parent must agree to the arrangement.

What happens if I'm in Private Foster Care?

What happens is that the Children and Young People's Service in Rotherham need to be told that you are living in Private Foster Care. Your family, carer, or someone else who knows you, like a doctor or someone from school, can let the Children and Young People's Service know.

Within a week, a Social Worker will visit your Private Foster Carer where they live. They will also need to talk to you to make sure that you are alright and if you think this is the best place for you. They will also try and visit your parents.

If everyone agrees this is the best place for you to be, the Social Worker will visit you every six weeks for the first year you are living there. After this they will visit you every 12 weeks. If it is felt that you would be better off living somewhere else, then the Social Worker will look into this with you and your parents.



What do Private Foster Carers need to do?

They will;

- Let us know that you are coming to live with them, or that you are already living with them.
- Take good care of you while you live with them
- Let the Social Worker visit and talk to you.
- Let the Social Worker check that they are someone who will look after children and young people properly.

Who will make sure I am safe?

The Social Worker will check that the Private Foster Carer is someone who is able to look after children properly. If they do not feel that the Private Foster Carer is looking after you properly, they will take action to make sure this is changed.

If at any time things change and you feel unsafe or unhappy with the arrangements, you should let us know as soon as possible by telephoning your Social Worker or the Out of Hours service, on the back of this leaflet.



My Social Worker is called: _____

My Social Worker will visit: _____

I can call my Social Worker on: _____

If my Social Worker is not around, I can call
(Out of Hours contact number):

Information on Advocacy Services: _____

Children and Young People's Services are based at:

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Access Team
Children and Young People's Services,
Crinoline House, Effingham Square, Rotherham S65 1AW
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