

Somerset County Council

**PRIVATE FOSTERING
NOTIFICATION OF A RESIDENTIAL GROUP ARRANGEMENT**

If you are intending to or have already made private fostering arrangements for a group of young people, under 16 (under 18 if the young person is disabled) for 14 days or more, you **must** let Somerset County Council know. Please count the arrival day as day one.

You should notify the council at least 6 weeks (and not more than 13 weeks) **before** the arrangement starts and if the arrangement has already started e.g. if the young person arrived at short notice, you must let the council know within 48 hours

1. Agency Details

<p>Name and address of the Agency Boarding or Language school making the arrangement.</p>	
<p>Name and contact details of the agency's key worker making the arrangement.</p> <p>Phone</p> <p>Email</p>	
<p>Name and address of the residential setting where the young people will be staying.</p>	
<p>Expected number of young people staying in the arrangement</p>	<p>A separate Child and birth family information sheet is required for each young person (see below) with birth parents' signature if possible. (pp by the Agency is acceptable)</p>
<p>Date the arrangement starts and finishes.</p>	

2. Private Foster Carers Details

Please use one Private foster carer detail sheet for each adult with overnight care of a privately fostered young person (under 16 or 18 if disabled for 28 days or more)

Additional information

If you have any difficulties completing this form or need more information please contact the Somerset Direct on 0300 123 2224 and ask for Private Fostering

Or email: privatefostering@somerset.gov.uk

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(Private Foster Carers Details)

Name				
All previous names				
Date of birth				
Phone number(s)			Email	
Current Address				
Name and address of GP/ Medical Practice				
DBS Disclosure Number: Date:	(UK Adults need a DBS check less than 3 years old)			
Record of Good Conduct	Yes		No	
	(Overseas Adults need a Record of Good Conduct less than 3 years old)			
Nationality				
Ethnic origin	<i>White British</i>	<i>White Irish</i>	<i>Any other White background</i>	<i>Traveller of Irish Heritage</i>
	<i>Gypsy/Roma</i>	<i>Mixed – white & Black Caribbean</i>	<i>Mixed – White & Black African</i>	<i>Mixed White & Asian</i>
	<i>Any other mixed background</i>	<i>Asian Indian</i>	<i>Asian Pakistani</i>	<i>Asian Bangladeshi</i>

	<i>Any other Asian background</i>	<i>Black or Black British</i>	<i>Black Caribbean</i>	<i>Black African</i>
	<i>Any other Black background</i>	<i>Other ethnic group</i>	<i>Chinese</i>	<i>Declined to answer</i>
First Language				
Name of the agency and residential setting.				

Please note: All Private Foster Carers / Adults with overnight care of a child are required to bring their DBS disclosure form / Record of Good Conduct dated within the last 3 years to the residential setting for verification by a Local Authority social worker.

Declaration.

I understand that it is necessary for Somerset County Council to make enquiries regarding my circumstances. This may include enquiries of my G.P, the local authority in which I live and any other local authorities in which I have lived for the last five years, and the Probation Department if applicable. I understand that information about my medical history and present medical condition may be required by Somerset County Council, the above named agency. I consent to a medical report and to any further enquiries deemed to be necessary by the agency's medical advisers or by my General Practitioner.

Do you have a criminal conviction? Yes/No

I give permission to Somerset County Council or the Agency I am working for to initiate a DBS check on any convictions or cautions that may be recorded against me.

Declaration regarding suitability to Foster Children Privately

Section 70(a) of the Children Act 1989 provides that a person who makes any statement in this notice or information which he knows to be false or misleading, shall be guilty of an offence and liable on summary conviction to a fine not exceeding level 5.

Have you ever :-

Applied to a Local Authority to be a child minder, day care provider, foster carer or adopter? Yes/No

Been convicted of any offence against a child? Yes/No

Had a child removed from your care by the order of any court? Yes/No

Had registration as a child minder, or other provider of day care, refused or cancelled? Yes/No

Had your rights and duties with respect to any child vested in a Local Authority? Yes/No

Had a prohibition imposed on you by the Local Authority prohibiting you from fostering privately? Yes/No

Been disqualified from acting as a Local Authority foster parent? Yes/No

Been disqualified in any capacity, or subject to disciplinary proceedings involving the care of children? Yes/No

If you have answered Yes to any of the above questions please supply dates and circumstances: (please use an additional sheet if necessary)

Access to Medical Reports Act 1988

I have been informed of my statutory rights under the Access to Medical Reports Act 1988 and **I do / do not wish (delete as applicable)** to see the medical report and agree to it being sent to the Somerset County Council.

I declare that to the best of my knowledge the information I have supplied is correct and accurate.

Signature:.....

Date:.....

**Children Act 1989 as Amended by S.44 of the Children Act 2004
The Children (Private Arrangements for Fostering) Regulations 2005**

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**PRIVATE FOSTERING NOTIFICATION (Residential Group)
Child and Birth Family Information**

In the UK there are regulations to safeguard young people under the age of 16 (or 18 if the young person is disabled) who are living away from their families for 28 days or more in a private arrangement. These are known as Private Fostering Regulations. The Agency making arrangements for your child/ young person while they are here in England, is required to **Notify** the Local Authority of the arrangements it has made, giving the name and date of birth of the child/ young person and birth family contact details.

Please note that an Officer from Children’s Services may visit privately fostered young people in residential settings to ensure their welfare.

Please enter the Child and Birth Family contact details below and sign to confirm that parental consent has been given for this young person to be in this arrangement.

Child’s Full Name				
Known as (if different from above)				
Male/female		Date of Birth		
Place of birth (City and Country)				
Nationality		Religion		
Ethnicity (please circle appropriate description)	<i>White British</i>	<i>White Irish</i>	<i>Any other White background</i>	<i>Traveller of Irish Hertiage</i>
	<i>Gypsy/Roma</i>	<i>Mixed – white & Black Caribbean</i>	<i>Mixed – White & Black African</i>	<i>Mixed White & Asian</i>
	<i>Any other mixed background</i>	<i>Asian Indian</i>	<i>Asian Pakistani</i>	<i>Asian Bangladeshi</i>

	<i>Any other Asian background</i>	<i>Black or Black British</i>	<i>Black Caribbean</i>	<i>Black African</i>
	<i>Any other Black background</i>	<i>Other ethnic group</i>	<i>Chinese</i>	<i>Declined to answer</i>
1st Language spoken				
Does the child have a disability?	If yes, please give details			
Parents' name Address Phone number Email				
Dates the arrangement is due to start and finish.				
Name of Agency / residential setting.				

Signature

Date:.....