

Somerset County Council

**PRIVATE FOSTERING
CARER NOTIFICATION**

If you are intending to, or already privately fostering a child under the age 16 (under 18 if the child is disabled), you **must** let Somerset County Council know. You should notify the council at least 6 weeks (and not more than 13 weeks) **before** the child or young person comes to stay with you. If the young person is already living with you, or if they arrive at short notice, you must let the council know within 48 hours.

Please complete this form and return it by email to

Please complete this form and email it to Somerset Direct at Childrens@Somerset.gov.uk.

Somerset direct can be contacted on 0300 123 2224

Please also CC the private fostering mailbox: PrivateFostering@Somerset.gov.uk

1. Prospective Private Foster Carer(s)' Details

1st Applicant

Full Name				
All previous names				
Date of birth				
Phone number(s)			Email	
Current Address				
All previous addresses within last 5 years (including dates)				
Occupation				
Ethnic origin	<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>
First Language				

2nd Applicant

Full Name				
All previous names				
Date of birth				
Phone number(s) Home: Mobile:			Email	
Current Address				
All previous addresses within last 5 years (including dates)				
Occupation				
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				

Applicants must notify the Private Fostering Team of any change of address, before it occurs

2. Household Details

Other Occupants of the Household

Name	Gender	Date of Birth	Occupation or school	Relationship to Applicant(s)

Applicants must notify Children’s Services if anyone leaves or joins the household, by contacting the Private Fostering team, within 48 hours.

3. Child’s Details

Full Name				
Known as (if different from above)				
Male/female			Date of Birth	
Place of birth (City and County)				
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>
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1st Language spoken	
Is the child subject to any Court Order?	If yes, please give details
School	
GP/Health visitor	
Dentist	
Does the child have a disability?	If yes, please give details

4. Arrangement details

Date Private Fostering arrangement started or is to start	
Purpose of Private Fostering arrangement	
How long is this arrangement expected to last?	
Name(s), address(es) and phone number(s) of person(s) with parental responsibility	
Name(s), address(es) and phone number(s) of other person involved in making this arrangement	

Applicants must notify Children's Services when the private fostering arrangement ends.

References:

Personal referees need to have known applicant for at least two years and not be a relative

	Doctor	2 Personal References (Two per household)
Applicant 1		

Applicant 2		
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Declaration (* delete as applicable)

I / We* understand that it is necessary for Somerset County Council to make enquiries regarding my / our* circumstances. This may include enquiries of my / our* G.P., the Health Visitor, local authority in which I / we* live and any other local authorities in which I / we* have lived for the last five years, and the Probation Department if applicable.

I / we* understand that information about my / our* medical history and present medical condition is required by Somerset County Council. I / We* consent to a medical report and to any further enquiries deemed to be necessary by the agency's medical advisers or by my / our* General Practitioner.

Does anyone in the household have a criminal conviction? Yes/No

Does anyone aged 16 or over stay in household overnight on a regular basis? Yes/No

If yes we will need to carry out a DBS check in respect of that person(s)

I / We* give permission to Somerset County Council to initiate a DBS check on any convictions or cautions that may be recorded against me/us.

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

Have you ever:
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 (* delete as applicable)

I / We* have been informed of my/our statutory rights under the Access to Medical Reports Act 1988 and:

- I / We* do not wish to see the medical report and agree to it being sent to the Somerset County Council.
- I / We* wish to see the medical report and will then decide whether I / we* agree to it being sent to Somerset County Council.

I / We* declare that to the best of my / our* knowledge the information I / we* have supplied is correct and accurate.

Signature:.....Date

Signature:.....Date:.....

Patient's rights under the Access to Medical Reports Act 1988

As part of the application, we may ask your present Doctor to submit a report to us. These notes are to explain your rights under the Access to Medical Records Act, which are as follows:

- You do not have to give your consent to a medical report, but if you withhold it please bear in mind that we may not be able to proceed with your application.
- You can ask to see the medical report before the Doctor sends it to us. If you do want to, you must make an arrangement to do so within three weeks of signing this form.
- If you disagree with anything on the medical report you can ask the Doctor not to send it to us at all, or you can ask for some remarks from you to be attached to it when it is sent to us.

- If you have not seen the report earlier, you can ask to see the Doctor's copy of it after it has been sent in at any time up to six months after you signed this form.
- The Doctor can refuse to show you the report, or part of it, but only if some of the information is provided by someone else, or if the Doctor thinks it will harm you if you see it.
- Your Doctor may make a reasonable charge for you to see the report, for which you would be responsible.

If you have any queries about your rights under this Act, please ask your Social Worker.

Please note – you must report any change in circumstances including the end of the private fostering arrangement, in writing, within 48 hours.

via email: privatefostering@somerset.gov.uk

Or alternatively contact your allocated worker from the Private Fostering Team