



Private Fostering in Hackney Young Person Guide



Name

Age

Currently living at



What is Private Fostering?

Private Fostering is when you are under the age of 16 (or 18 if you have a disability) and you live with an adult (Private Foster Carer) who is not your mum, dad or a close relative like your grandparents, aunts or uncles. Your mum or dad will have agreed that this person can look after you if they are unable to take care of you themselves.

What happens to me?

If you are living with a private foster carer, your mum or dad and the private foster carer must tell Hackney Children's Services that you are living with someone else and not with your parents. Sometimes teachers, doctors or school nurses may tell the Local Authority too.

Why do people need to know about who looks after you and where you live?

If you are being privately fostered Hackney Children's Services needs to know who is looking after you and where you live. The law says that we must make sure that every child in Hackney is safe and properly cared for. The best way to do this is to make sure that Children's Services are told about every child who is privately fostered so that they can check that you are well and happy.

Once Hackney Children's Services know that you are privately fostered they will send a social worker to see you. The social worker will make sure that you are happy living with your private foster carers. They will also want to see you at your private foster carer's home, and talk to you on your own to make sure you are safe and well.

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 mum or dad to make sure they know you are being well looked after.

The social worker will visit you regularly – at least every six weeks – in the first year that you live with your private foster carers. After the first year, the social worker will visit every 3 months, but you can ask to see the social worker if you have something you want to talk to them about.

If you or your social worker are not happy with the arrangement, and there are concerns that you are not safe or being properly looked after, Children's Services has the power to end the arrangement.

Your parents or close relatives are still responsible for you while you are living with private foster carers. This means that they should still be involved in all the important decisions about your life.

What is it going to be like living with private foster carers?

While you are living with your private foster carers they should look after you as if you were their own child. They must do all the everyday things for you that parents do for their own children such as:

- Making sure you are well cared for such as 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
- 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 follow your religion and customs that are important to you and your family

Your parents will be able to help your private foster carers understand the things that are important to you by talking about this with them.

What if I am not happy or if I have a problem?

Sometimes you might feel sad or unhappy about being privately fostered. Children and young people who live away from home often miss their parent(s) and friends. If you have a problem, or are not happy where you are living, you can talk to your social worker about your worries. If there is anything that you want to know it is okay to ask questions of your social worker and private foster carer. They will be able to answer most of your questions straight away or can find out the answers for you. Don't worry if you find it hard to talk to your social worker about the things that are worrying you. The most important thing is that you make sure that you have someone to talk to. You may find it easier to talk to someone you see every day, like your teacher.

There are also a number of national organisations who can give you support and advice, contact details of these organisations can be found at the back of this leaflet.



About Me

Education

School:

Address:

Tel:

Health

Doctor's name:

Address:

Tel:

Dentist's name:

Address:

Tel:

Parents' contact information

Parent's names:

Address:

Tel:

Social worker details

Name:

Tel:

Useful Information:

Notes:

Things to do in Hackney

Hackney has 7 libraries, a museum, 4 sports centres and lots of youth centres and projects. For locations and opening hours see Hackney website www.hackney.gov.uk

Young Hackney

Young Hackney is our single service for all young people aged 8-19. We aim to help all of Hackney's young people to enjoy their youth and become independent and successful adults. Our website www.younghackney.org has news, views and events for young people.



Some useful contact information if you need help or advice

Childline

0800 1111

24 hours helpline for children and young people.

www.childline.co.uk

Pupiline

A website set up by teenagers for teenagers and provides information and useful links on a range of issues including bullying.

www.pupiline.net

Kidscape

08451 205 204

Mon – Fri 10 – 4

Dedicated to keeping kids safe.

www.kidscape.org.uk

Samaritans

020 8520 9191

Text **07725 90 90 90**

24hours helpline for anyone passing through a crisis.

Connexions

080 800 13219

Information and advice for young people

www.connexions-direct.com

Childrens Legal Centre

Advice Line

0845 120 2948

University of Essex
Wivenhoe Park, Colchester
Essex CO4 3SQ

clc@essex.ac.uk

www.childrenslegalcentre.com

Health and wellbeing

NHS Direct 0845 4647

Health advice

www.nhsdirect.nhs.uk

Like it is

Life and sex education

www.likeitis.org.uk

Talk to Frank

0800 917 8765

24 hour service

Confidential information and advice on drugs

frank@talktofrank.com

Brook

0800 0185 023

Mon – Fri 9 – 5

Advice on sexual health issues

www.brook.org

NSPCC

0800 800 5000

Information and advice for children who are being bullied or who are worried or scared about something.

www.nspcc.org.uk

If you would like to find out what this document says please tick the appropriate box, put your name, address and phone number at the bottom of this page and return it to the address below.

Bengali

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Kurdish

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Polish

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Urdu

اگر آپ یہ جاننا چاہتے ہیں کہ دستاویز میں کیا لکھا ہے تو ازراہ کرم مناسب باکس میں صحیح کا نشان لگائے اور اپنا نام، پتہ اور فون نمبر اس صفحہ کے نیچے لکھنے اور اسے نیچے دیئے گئے پتہ پر واپس بھیج دیجئے

Somali

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Spanish

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Chinese

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