

Priority Fostering Services



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This Book Belongs To:

Who we are



We are Priory Fostering Services.

We provide foster placements for young people aged between 0 and 18.

We will work hard to make sure you are healthy and safe.

We will also help you to enjoy and achieve things in your life.

We will help you to be a good member of your community and have enough money to spend or save as you wish.

What you should expect of us

Our Foster Carers will treat you in the same way as a member of their family.



They will:

- respect your privacy and you will have your own room.
- listen to what you have to say.
- help and support any contact with your family.
- help you go to school and with your homework. If you cannot go to school we will teach you somewhere else.
- help you to be healthy and to stay healthy by making sure you have a doctor, dentist and optician.
- encourage you in the things you are good at.
- treat you as an individual and speak up on your behalf.
- help you to get ready to move into adult life.
- help you keep safe photographs and favourite possessions and a record of the time you spend with your foster family.
- help you make a complaint if you are not happy with the service given to you.



What we will expect of you

- To treat our home and family members with care and respect
- To work with us to create a happy home where all members feel cared for and valued
- To be open and honest with us and to value our property and possessions
- To let us know where you are and who you are spending time with outside of the home
- To spend your pocket money wisely and not to take drugs
- To use the internet and social media wisely
- To help with the housework, shopping and cooking
- To treat all family members kindly and not to bully anyone because of the way they live or the way they think about things

Plans for Your Care



The Local Authority has made a plan for your care. It is important that you know what that plan is so you can have your say about it.

Have you seen your care plan?	YES	NO	DON'T KNOW
Have you seen your placement plan?	YES	NO	DON'T KNOW
Do you know when your plan will be reviewed?	YES	NO	DON'T KNOW

Should you not know what your plan is please ask your social worker or foster carer. You might like to write some notes.

RIGHTS



At Priory Fostering we believe you have certain rights.
Some of these rights are:

- To be protected from harm or neglect
- To be healthy
- To enjoy your life
- To live in a good home
- To get a good education
- To be given good information and advice
- To have a say
- To complain or speak to someone if you are not happy

How you can find out about your rights

There are people and organisations that will help you find out about your rights. They will also support you to have your say. Below are some of the people and organisations that will help and support you.



Priory Fostering

The name of the manager of Priory Fostering is Tony. You can contact him at any time. His telephone number is, **01684 560333**. His mobile number is **07796 992637**.

Tony will always be pleased to help you.

The name of the complaints officer is Mike Borland. His telephone number is **07950 182541**.

Mike will always be pleased to help you.

Independent Reviewing Officer

The name of your Independent Reviewing Officer is:

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Their telephone number is:

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Their email address is:

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Your Reviewing Officer will always be pleased to help you.



Ofsted is there to make sure that fostering is done in the right way and that fostered children are properly looked after.

You can contact Ofsted by telephone or email.

Their telephone number is **0300 123 1231**.

Their email address is enquiries@ofsted.gov.uk

Ofsted will be pleased to help you.

Independent Advocate

An Independent Advocate is a person who will help you in any way he or she can. They do not work for the Local Authority or Priority Fostering and that is what we mean when we say they are independent. You can get the advice of an independent advocate by contacting one of the organisations below:

Childline: 24 hour helpline for children in distress 0800 1111 (free)

The website is www.childline.org.uk

The Who Cares? Trust:

A national charity for children in care 0207 251 3117

The website is www.whocarestrust.org.uk

CoramVoice: Provides advice and help for children in care

0808 800 5792 (free) The website is coramvoice.org.uk

Children's Commissioner for England

The Children's Commissioner is called Anne Longfield and it is her job to protect children's rights in England. She and her team will help you if you feel you are not being listened to.

The number of the team is 0800 528 0731

The email address is advice.team@childrenscommissioner.gsi.gov.uk

Be listened to

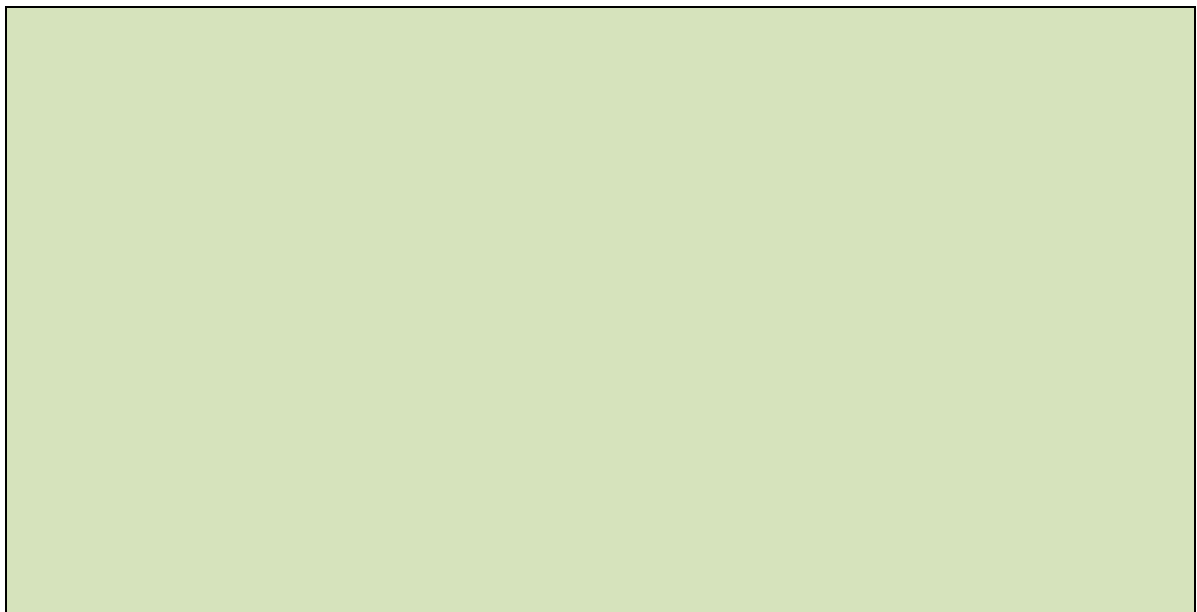
All of these people and organisations will listen to you and help you. They are there to make sure that rights are 4 you.

Make this happen

At Priory Fostering we really want you to enjoy your foster home. All of us will do everything we can to make your time safe healthy and positive. We want you to work with us to make this happen.

ACTION POINTS

Write down the things you need to sort out or if you have questions, then talk to your foster carer or social worker about it.



**Finally, if you need this booklet in a different format or
language,
Contact Tony at the Fostering Office on 01684 560333**

THANK YOU