



A private fostering arrangement:

- Is an arrangement for a child to live away from home made between a parent and a private foster carer. A private foster carer is someone who is not the parent, a close relative* or a local authority foster carer
- Applies to children under the age of 16 (18 if the child is disabled)
- Is made when the intended period of care is longer than 28 days
- Should be assessed by the local authority. Parents and private foster carers should inform Norfolk County Council.

* A close relative is someone who is a grandparent, brother, sister, an aunt or an uncle



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All NSCB partner agencies should:

- Ensure that appropriate staff are aware of the definitions of private fostering.
- Whenever they become aware of a private fostering arrangement, actively encourage parents and/or carers to notify Norfolk County Council.
- Notify Norfolk County Council if parents and/or private foster carers have not already done so.

Members of the public can contact Norfolk County Council on –
0344 800 8014.

Professionals can call our consultation line for advice or make notifications via the Access Service – 0344 800 8014.