

Know someone caring for a child who isn't their own?

They might be engaged in private fostering without realising it.

When a child under the age of 16 (or 18 if disabled) lives with any of the following for 28 days or more, it is a private fostering arrangement:

- great grandparents
- godparents
- great aunts or uncles
- family friends
- unmarried stepparents
- cousins
- non-related families

If you know someone in this situation, please inform the council's fostering team so we can offer the appropriate support. It's a legal requirement for the council to be notified about these arrangements.

