

SCHEDULE 5

Regulation 27(5)(b)

Matters and obligations in Foster Care Agreements

1. Matters to be recorded
 - (a) The terms of the foster parent's approval.
 - (b) The support and training to be given to the foster parent.
 - (c) The procedure for the review of approval of the foster parent.
 - (d) The procedure in connection with the placement of children and the matters to be included in any placement plan.
 - (e) The arrangements for meeting any legal liabilities of the foster parent arising by reason of a placement.
 - (f) The procedure available to foster parents for making complaints and representations.
2. Obligations on the foster parent
 - (a) To care for any child placed with them as if the child was a child of the foster parent's family and to promote that child's welfare having regard to the long and short-term plans for the child.
 - (b) To give written notice to the fostering service provider without delay, with full particulars, of—
 - (i) any intended change of the foster parent's address,
 - (ii) any change in the composition of the household,
 - (iii) any other change in the foster parent's personal circumstances and any other event affecting either their capacity to care for any child placed or the suitability of the household, and
 - (iv) any request or application to adopt children, or for registration as an early years provider or a later years provider under Part 3 of the Childcare Act 2006.
 - (c) Not to administer corporal punishment to any child placed with the foster parent.
 - (d) To ensure that any information relating to a child placed with the foster parent, to the child's family or to any other person, which has been given to them in confidence in connection with a placement is kept confidential and is not disclosed to any person without the consent of the fostering service provider.
 - (e) To comply with the terms of any placement plan.
 - (f) To comply with the policies and procedures of the fostering service provider issued under regulations 12 and 13.
 - (g) To co-operate as reasonably required with the Chief Inspector and in particular to allow a person authorised by the Chief Inspector to interview the foster parent and visit the foster parent's home at any reasonable time.
 - (h) To keep the fostering service provider informed about the child's progress and to notify it as soon as is reasonably practicable of any significant events affecting the child.