

SCHEDULE 3

Regulation 5(6)

Matters and obligations to be covered in foster placement agreements

1. The provision by the responsible authority of a statement containing all the information which the responsible authority considers necessary to enable the foster parent to care for the child and, in particular, information as to—

- (a) the responsible authority's arrangements for the child and the objectives of the placement;
- (b) the child's personal history, religious persuasion and cultural and linguistic background and racial origin;
- (c) the child's state of health and need for health care and surveillance; and
- (d) the child's educational needs,

including a requirement for the statement to be provided either at the time of the signing of the agreement or, where this is not practicable, within the following 14 days.

2. The responsible authority's arrangements for the financial support of the child during the placement.

3. Any arrangements for delegation of responsibility for consent to the medical or dental examination or treatment of the child.

4. The circumstances in which it is necessary to obtain in advance the approval of the responsible authority for the child to live, even temporarily, away from the foster parent's home.

5. The arrangements for visits to the child, in connection with the supervision of the placement, by the person authorised by or on behalf of the responsible authority or area authority and the frequency of visits and reviews under the Review of Children's Cases Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1996⁽¹⁾.

6. The arrangements for the child to have contact with his parents and other persons, including any arrangements in pursuance of Article 53 of the Order (parental contact etc. with children in care) in relation to a child in care, or any contact order (as defined in Article 8(1) of the Order).

7. Compliance by the foster parent with the terms of the agreement set out in Schedule 2.

8. Co-operation by the foster parent with any arrangements made by the responsible authority for the child.

⁽¹⁾ S.R. 1996 No. 461