
STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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The Foster Placement (Children) Regulations 1991

PART II

APPROVALS AND PLACEMENTS

Placements

5.—(1) A responsible authority are not to place a child with a fosterparent unless they are satisfied that—

- (a) that is the most suitable way of performing their duty under (asthe case may be) section 22(3) or 61(1)(a) and (b) of the Act; and
- (b) placement with the particular foster parent is the most suitableplacement having regard to all the circumstances.

(2) In making arrangements for a placement a responsible authority are to secure that where possible the foster parent is—

- (a) of the same religious persuasion as the child, or
- (b) gives an undertaking that the child will be brought up in thatreligious persuasion.

(3) Consistent with the terms of any approval given under regulation 3, a responsible authority may place a child with a foster parent whom theyhave themselves approved or, provided the conditions specified inparagraph (4) are satisfied, with a foster parent approved by anotherlocal authority or voluntary organisation.

(4) The conditions referred to in paragraph (3) are that—

- (a) the approving authority consent to the placement;
- (b) any other local authority or voluntary organisation who alreadyhave a child placed with the foster parent also consent to theplacement; and
- (c) the area authority (if they are not also the approving authority)are consulted, and their views taken into account, and are given noticeof the placement.

(5) A responsible authority which places a child after consulting anarea authority under paragraph (4)(c) shall give notice of the placementto the area authority.

(6) Except in the case of an emergency or immediate placement underregulation 11, a responsible authority are not to place a child unless the authority and the foster parent have entered into a writtenagreement relating to that child covering the matters specified inSchedule 3.