
STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

1996 No. 3263

The Fostering of Children (Scotland) Regulations 1996

PART II

APPROVAL OF FOSTER CARERS

Reviews and Terminations of Approval

10.—(1) Where a foster carer has been approved under regulation 7 the local authority shall review, at intervals of not more than a year, whether the foster carer continues to be a suitable person with whom to place children.

(2) When undertaking a review under this regulation the local authority shall seek, and take into account, the views of the foster carer and of any local authority who have placed a child with the foster carer within the preceding year or who have an earlier placement with the foster carer which has not been terminated.

(3) Where on a review the local authority are no longer satisfied—

- (a) that the terms of the approval under regulation 7(2) are appropriate they shall revise the terms;
- (b) that the foster carer is suitable they shall terminate the approval from a date to be specified in the notice under paragraph (4).

(4) At the conclusion of the review the local authority shall prepare a report and give notice in writing to the foster carer of their decision (including any revision of the terms of the approval under regulation 7(2)).

(5) Where a foster carer notifies the local authority that he no longer wishes to act as a foster carer, or where the authority are otherwise satisfied that this is the case, the authority shall terminate the approval from a date to be specified by notice in writing to the foster carer.

(6) A copy of any notice given under paragraph (4) or (5) shall be sent to any other local authority who known to them currently approve the foster carer under regulation 7.

(7) Where a local authority have been notified under regulation 7(3) by another authority of that authority's derivative approval, and the local authority have in terms of paragraph (3) revised or terminated their approval, they shall notify the other local authority of their decision at the same time as notifying the foster carer under paragraph (4).

(8) Any local authority currently giving derivative approval to a foster carer, as soon as any notice is received under paragraph (7) shall amend or terminate their approval in accordance with any revision or termination of the first approving authority and shall forthwith notify the foster carer of this revision or termination with the date of the revision or termination to be specified in the notice and to conform as near as practicable with the date specified in the first local authority's notice under paragraph (4).