

Who to contact if you are not happy

If you have a problem while you are being privately fostered you can speak to the **Looked After Children's Participation Officer** at Eagle Chambers
18 Eden Street
Kingston Upon Thames
KT1 1BB
Tel: 020 8547 6137
Mob 077525 02756

You can also get advice from:
Children's Legal Centre
0800 783 2187
www.childrenslegalcentre.com

Childline 0800 1111
www.childline.org.uk

NSPCC 0808 800 5000
www.nspcc.org.uk



How to contact us:

ASKK
132 Kingston Road
New Malden
Surrey KT3 3ND

Tel: 020 8547 5888
askk@rbk.kingston.gov.uk

Private fostering—let's talk about it



If you would like this document in another language or an alternative format such as large print or audio tape, please contact the council's helpline on 020 8547 5757.



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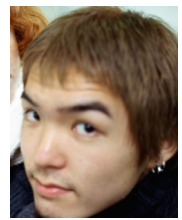
Are you being privately fostered?

If you are under 16 (or 18 if you are disabled) and living with someone who is not your parent or close relative, it is called private fostering.

A close relative is a step-parent, grandparent, a brother or sister or an aunt or uncle. It can also mean a legal guardian or someone who has parental responsibility for you.

Anyone else has to tell us that you are living with them if you are staying for more than 28 days.

You could be staying with them because your mum and dad are living abroad, or because they are ill or have had to go away for a while. You may have fallen out with your parents and decided to live at a friend's place for a while.



The people you are staying with should make sure you:

- are safe and well cared for
- have good food to eat
- have clean, warm clothes
- have a proper bed to sleep in
- go to school and do your homework
- stay healthy and see the doctor if you need to
- visit the dentist regularly
- have a chance to make friends and enjoy sports and hobbies
- keep in touch with your family
- are able to follow your religion and customs

Things your carers can't do:

- change your name
- change your school
- move you to another family
- take you to another part of the country
- take you abroad without asking your parents first



What will happen?

It's our job to make sure you are being looked after and are happy. A social worker will make a visit to where you are staying and have a chat with you and the people looking after you. They will make regular visits to keep an eye on you.

