



Remand Foster Care Scheme – Roles and Responsibilities

Strategic group:

- Set and monitor key performance targets
- Devising and agreeing policies and procedures for the scheme
- Engage other stakeholders to inform and validate the credibility of the scheme
- Contribute to problem solving and shaping development
- Monitor operation of the scheme.

Team Manager for Supervising Fostering Social Worker:

- Assist in setting up the scheme (policies, procedures, recruitment, training)
- Manage their Service's recruitment, preparation training, and assessment of new foster carers for the scheme
- Managerial responsibility for their Borough's Fostering Team in relation to the Consortium's Remand Fostering Scheme
- Supervise the Scheme's supervising Fostering Social Worker in their Team.
- Manage referrals (jointly with the Team Manager of the Team doing the parenting assessment.
- Ensure quality, policy and practice standards for the scheme are upheld

Scheme Supervising Fostering Social Worker:

- Participate in the recruitment and induction of Scheme foster carers
- Support and supervise the Scheme's foster carers during placements (fortnightly)

- Collaborate with Consortium colleagues to manage and deliver post-approval specialist training for the Scheme's foster carers, and monthly support and development group meetings
- Organise for any support arrangements that may be needed by Scheme foster carers
- Participate in pre-placement, placement and review meetings, taking the lead in ensuring that expectations of and performance of the foster carer contributes effectively to decision making
- Attend meetings and training regarding the Scheme when required.

Foster Carers:

- Supervise and care for a young person on remand in their home.
- Work intensively with up to two young persons if two carers are at home full time, or one young person where one carer is at home full time subject to a risk assessment by the supervising Fostering Social Worker. (Not usually take other task-centred child/ren's placements)
- Enable, guide and support young person to develop their skills in communication, negotiation, conflict resolution, social relationships, day-to-day organisation, understanding and using Restorative approaches.
- Report any child care or safeguarding concerns immediately to the young person's social worker and the supervising Fostering Social Worker.
- To act as an Appropriate Adult for the young person, when required.
- To respect and support the young person's specific ethnic and cultural requirements
- Adhere to the role and task expectations set out in the placement agreement or review meetings
- Keep detailed records and communicate objectively and fully as to observations made.
- To appear in Court and provide evidence as to the young person's progress or in relation to any breach of bail, if required, following liaison with the Young Offenders Team..
- Make and evidence judgments about both the particular young person's needs and progress to professionals and meetings.
- Work closely with YOT and other agencies
- To transport/escort the young person to and from Court appearances; police stations; solicitors offices etc.
- Make a commitment to additional training requirements and monthly support and development group meetings

Team Manager for the YOT Team

- Assist in setting up the scheme (policies, procedures, recruitment, training)

- Manage referrals
- Arrange supervision of the YOT Social Workers making referrals and supervising the young person on remand

YOT Worker:

- Refer appropriate young people on remand to Scheme and carry out necessary Risk Assessments.
- The YOT Court Officer will go through the Court lists to early identify possible remand foster placements.
- Alert the IRO service that a young person is being placed on the Remand Fostering Scheme.
- Alert the relevant Childrens' Social Work caseholder Team that a young person is being placed on the Remand Fostering Scheme.
- Participate in pre-placement, placement and review meetings, taking the lead in ensuring that bail support and other support arrangements are in place.
- Visit the young person regularly in placement.
- Assist in the identification of community resources that the young person on remand can become engaged in during the remand placement
- Ensure that bail support and other specific remand requirements e.g. tagging and curfew, are promptly in place and monitored.
- Ensure that school arrangements are in place as required.
- Inform the foster carer and their supervising social worker of Court appearances, solicitors appointments etc.

The LAC Team Manager:

- Responsibility for chairing placement and placement review meetings.
- Ensuring prompt payment for placements
- Ensuring there is an appropriate exit plan for the young person at the end of the remand placement.

Child's LAC Social Worker:

- Participate in pre-placement, placement, and review meetings, taking the lead in ensuring that information about needs of the young person and

expectations of the parent are effectively communicated and form the basis for planning

- Ensure there is a viable exit strategy for the young person for any eventuality, including placement breakdown. Placements will end after the remand period.
- Set up and manage contact and queries from the wider family network.
- To arrange contact at the contact centre local to the foster carer.
- Visit the child and her/his parent in placement, at least once every 3 weeks, to assess, support and communicate the Local Authority requirements and plans
- Receive reports on the child's progress and needs and take responsibility for ensuring timely decisions and actions are taken on any need to change arrangements for the young person on remand
- Make arrangements for LAC medical as required, and ensure plans are in place to meet the young person's health needs.
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- Ensure school arrangements are in place for the young person and that their educational needs are met.

Young person in Care Independent Reviewing Officer

- Conduct statutory reviews for all children and parents who are in care, integrated whenever possible into placement reviews

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