

Your Rights

- To be treated fairly
- To be asked what you want
- To be listened to
- To have your say in decisions that affect you
- To have things explained
- To be respected
- To feel safe

Address and contact details

If you want some help or advice about being privately fostered you can contact:

Children's Participation and Rights Team
99 Manor Way
Anlaby
HU10 6TN

(01482) 396828
Email: rights4u@eastriding.gov.uk

Or visit our website:

www.rights4u.org.uk



What is Private Fostering?



YES

NO

Is a family friend or neighbour helping to look after you for a while?

NO

YES

You are not privately fostered

You may be privately fostered

What is private fostering?

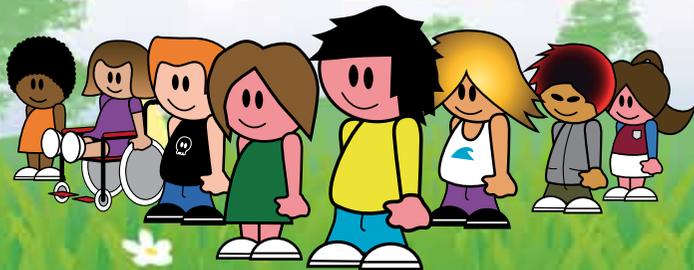
Private fostering is when you are under the age of 16, or 18 if you have a disability, and you live with an adult for more than 28 days who is not your mum, dad or a close relative like your grandparent, aunt or uncle.

For example...

- Your parents live overseas and you have come to the UK to live with their friends
- You have fallen out with your parents and have moved in with your best friends family for a month or so
- You are living with your friend and their family while building work is being done on your home – this will take 1 month

What to do next

- People can become privately fostered for all sorts of reasons but the Law says that Children's Social Care must make sure that you are safe and well where you are living
- If you are living with a private foster carer, your mum and dad and the private foster carer must tell the Children's Social Care
- Professionals like teachers, doctors or school nurses can also let Children's Social Care know



Who to contact

Children's Social Care

(01482) 395500

or their Emergency Duty Team

(evenings/weekends) on (01482) 880826

Email: childrens.socialcare@eastriding.gcsx.gov.uk

or contact the

Children's Participation and Rights Team

on (01482) 396828



What the Participation and Rights Team can help with

If you are being privately fostered we can visit you and will:

- Listen to you
- Find out if we can help or support you
- Speak to someone on your behalf if you want

What will Children's Social Care do?

- A worker will visit you and ask how you are feeling and make sure that you are safe and well
- They will talk to your mum and dad and make sure that they know that you are well cared for
- Even though you are living with a private foster carer you will still be able to see your mum and dad
- If you are not happy you can tell the worker who will visit you on a regular basis and they will try to sort things out for you