

What happens next?

If everything is OK for you with your private foster carers then you can live with them. Your social worker will come to see you every six weeks.

You can contact your social worker at any time during the six week period if you have any questions you want to ask or if you just want to talk. They will give you a telephone number where you can reach them.

The social worker will check you are OK and enjoying school or college. They will also help you to keep in contact with your mum and dad.

It may be that after a period of time you go back to live with your mum and dad. When this happens your social worker will be there to help you.

If you think you are living with private foster carers and want to talk to someone for help and advice, please contact:

Multi Agency Screening Team (MAST)
Children's Social Care
Children and Young People's Services
Princess Building
Halifax
HX1 1TS

Telephone: **01422 393336** or visit
www.calderdale.gov.uk/v2/residents/health-and-social-care/children-and-family-care/private-fostering

Private Fostering

Information for young people



*Do you live with
another family?*

*Is someone else
looking after you?*



What is private fostering?

If you are under 16 years of age (or if under 18 years, if you are disabled) and you are looked after by someone else who is not a close relative, for more than 28 days, then you are being privately fostered.

A close relative is your brother, sister, aunt, uncle, grandparent, legal guardian or step-parent.

There may be many reasons why you are not living at home, it may be just your parent has had to go into hospital for a long stay, or your parents may be working or living in another country.

This is required by law

The law says that if you are living with private foster carers then your parents and carers have to let children's services know, at Calderdale Council.

What will happen?

When children's services are informed about where you are living, they will come and see you to make sure that you are happy with where you are living and they will talk to your private foster carers.

The person that comes to see you will be a social worker, who works for children's services. They will help to make sure that you are being well cared for.

They will talk to you on your own and they will also talk to your private foster carers.

The social worker will want to know that:

- you are safe
- your private foster carers are supporting you with your education
- helping you with any general needs you have
- you visit the doctors and dentists when you need to for any health checks

