

Dudley MBC Fostering Agency – Recommendations 08/09

1. Fostering Recommendations					
Recommendations	Staff Responsibility	Date of Action/Milestones Start – Finish	Directorate Resource Cost	Monitoring Overall Responsibility	Comments
Enable each child or young person to receive health care, which meets her/his needs with reference to supervising social workers having access to young people's health plans. NMS 12.1					
Monitor each child or young person being placed in foster care to ensure she/he is carefully matched with a carer capable of meeting her/his needs with reference to copies of all exemptions being placed on the foster carer's file. NMS 8.1					
Ensure that safe caring guidelines are in place for each foster home. NMS 9.3					
Develop the policies and procedures of the fostering panel to include in panel minutes the designation of all panel members. NMS 30.1					
Value the diversity of children and young people by reviewing payments available to foster carers who have young people placed with specific hair and skin requirements. NMS 7.1					

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Undertake a written risk assessment prior to contact taking place between a young person and their family. NMS 10.6					
Seek young peoples views as part of the foster carer's annual review. NMS 11.1					
Develop a more child friendly children's guide. NMS 1.5					
Develop the arrangements of foster carer's reviews by considering arrangements to enable independent scrutiny of these reviews. NMS 21.2					
Maintain an accurate record of work undertaken by workers. NMS 25.1					
Ensure that the premises used as offices are suitable for the purpose by exploring solutions with regard to sound-proofing and privacy. NMS 26.					
Ensure that family and friends foster carers receives an allowance and agreed expenses, which cover the full cost of caring for each child or young person placed with him or her, and that this is compliant with the Mumby Judgement. NMS 29.1					