



TRAFFORD  
COUNCIL

# PRIVATE FOSTERING

## I AM BEING PRIVATELY FOSTERED

### WHAT DOES BEING PRIVATELY FOSTERED MEAN?

You are being looked after in someone else's home by someone who isn't your mum or dad, grandparent, aunt, uncle, or sibling for more than 28 days.

This could be for lots of different reasons, and you are not the only child that sometimes lives with someone else.

You would need to stay with them for more than 28 days, so extended sleepovers don't count!

**You will have someone called a 'social worker' who will visit you. They will tell you their name and want to know you are safe.**

### WHAT HAPPENS?

Your social worker will visit you where you are staying, and they will look at your bedroom to make sure you have a comfy bed and a space that meets your needs. They will check that there is food for you eat and that it is safe place for you to stay.

Your social worker will visit you regularly while you are not living with your mum or dad. They will talk to you on your own to check if you are happy where you are living.





## HOW LONG WILL YOU HAVE TO LIVE WITH SOMEONE DIFFERENT?

Your social worker, parents and the person who is looking after you, will let you know what is happening and ask your views when any important decisions are made.

Your Social Worker's Name Is:

Their Number is

You can speak to your social worker when you want to, you don't need to wait until they visit you.

You can also speak to an adult that you trust or ring **Childline** on **0800 1111**.

If there is something that makes you sad or worried, you can tell them.

Your social worker will work with your mum, dad, other important adults in your life, and the person looking after you to sort it out.

If you are ever worried about something, you can speak to your social worker or other adults that you trust.

**YOU WILL BE LISTENED TO BECAUSE YOUR VIEWS COUNT AND WHAT YOU HAVE TO SAY IS IMPORTANT TO US.**

