

Worcestershire Children First

Independent Fostering Agency Improvement Level One Plan 2021 -2022

<p>Requirements - Fostering Service Regulations</p> <p><i>Regulation 3.1: Statement of purpose and children’s guide</i></p> <p><i>Regulation 8.1: Registered person – general requirements</i></p> <p><i>Regulation 11 (a): the welfare of children placed or to be placed with foster parents is safeguarded and promoted at all times.</i></p> <p><i>Regulation 18.4: A written record is made of any complaint or representation, the action taken in response to it, and the outcome of the investigation.</i></p> <p><i>Regulation 20: Safer Recruitment of Staff and Panel Members</i></p>	<p><i>Regulation 27: Foster Carer approval and agreement meet regulation.</i></p> <p><i>Regulation 31: Register of Foster Carers</i></p> <p><i>Regulation 35: Review and monitoring of quality of care. Voice of the Child. Consultation with Child about the care they receive.</i></p> <p><i>Regulation 36: Notable events. Notification, management, and updates.</i></p>	<p>Recommendations - National Minimum Standards</p> <p><i>Standard 13: Recruiting and assessing foster carers who can meet the needs of looked after children</i></p> <p><i>Standard 15: Matching the child with a placement that meets their assessed needs</i></p> <p><i>Standard 16: Statement of purpose and children’s guide</i></p> <p><i>Standard 21: Supervision and sup</i></p>
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Fostering Improvement Workstreams

Workstream 1	Workstream 2	Workstream 3	Workstream 4	Workstream 5	Workstream 6	Workstream 7
<p>SAFER CARING PLANS & RISK ASSESSMENT (Reg 11, 36 & Std 15) LEAD: <i>Team Manager</i> Manager: <i>Team Manager</i></p> <p>Membership: <i>Independent Reviewing Officer, Children and Young People, Foster Carers, Learning and Development</i></p>	<p>NOTIFIABLE EVENTS (Reg 11, 36) LEAD: <i>Team Manager</i> Manager: <i>Team Manager, Group Manager</i></p> <p>Membership: <i>Local Authority Designated Officer, Emergency Duty Team Manager, Business Analyst</i></p>	<p>FOSTERING INFORMATION & PERFORMANCE DASHBOARD (Reg 3.1, 8.1, 18.4, 31 & Std 16) LEAD: <i>Team Manager</i> Manager: <i>Team Managers</i></p> <p>Membership: <i>Independent Reviewing Officer, Children and Young People</i></p>	<p>SAFER RECRUITMENT - FOSTER CARER & WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT (Reg 20) LEAD: <i>Team Manager</i> Manager: <i>Team Managers/Learning and Development Manager</i></p> <p>Membership: <i>Foster Carer, Through Care Services, Learning and Development Team, WCF Comms Team</i></p>	<p>VOICE OF THE CHILD (Reg 35) LEAD: <i>Team Manager</i> Manager: <i>Team Managers</i></p> <p>Membership: <i>Children and Young People, Independent Reviewing Officer, Foster Carer, Looked After Children Team Manager, Fostering Social Worker</i></p>	<p>FOSTER CARER RECRUITMENT, ASSESSMENT & SUPPORT (Std 13, 21) LEAD: <i>Team Manager</i> Manager: <i>Team Manager</i></p> <p>Membership: <i>Foster Carer, Children and Young People, Worcestershire Children First Communications Manager</i></p>	<p>APPROVAL & MATCHING FOSTER CARERS (Reg 27 & Std 15) LEAD: <i>Team Manager</i> Manager: <i>Team Manager</i></p> <p>Membership: <i>APPROVALS: Panel Chair and Vice, Chair, Panel Members, Panel Adviser, Agency Decision Maker, Team Managers (Kinship and Mainstream). MATCHING: Team Managers, Children and Families Social Worker</i></p>

Workstream Membership

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Children & Young People • Foster Carers • Independent Reviewing Officer • WCF Safeguarding Social Workers • WCF IFA Social Workers 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • WCF Business Team/Liquid Logic • WCF Management Information • WCF Communications Team • WCC Learning & Development 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • WCC HR Operational & Delivery Team/Social Work Opportunities • Virtual School Headteacher • SEND and Vulnerable Learners • Fostering Panel Chair & Fostering panel
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Cross Cutting Themes

Safeguarding	Quality Assurance	Communication	Performance and Monitoring
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