

## Delegated Authority Standard Agreement

This is Devon County Council's Delegated Authority Standard Agreement for all children in their care. Any areas not covered shall be recorded in the Placement Information/Agreement

Please note: It is the role of the child's placing social worker to discuss with the persons with parental responsibility the issues of Delegated Authority, BEFORE the Placement Planning Meeting

The chart below indicates who can be delegated authority

DCC has a duty to consult and inform parents in respect of the care of their child and should involve them in the decision making process in respect of Delegated Authority

<b>HEALTH</b>	<b>Foster Carer</b>	<b>Social Worker</b>	<b>Team Manager</b>	<b>Service Manager</b>	<b>Assistant Director or Head of Service</b>
Routine health and development checks, eg, dentist/optician/GP/HV	Yes				
Consent to urgent medical treatment	Yes				
Consent to routine immunisations	Yes				
Consent to specific immunisations, eg, Swine Flu, HPV			Yes		
Consent to planned operation/ongoing treatment that require general anaesthetic, including dental treatment					Yes
Decision in relation to involvement in counselling or Therapeutic Intervention, including educational psychologist assessments		Yes			
Consent to Medical Examination by School Doctor or Nurse	Yes				
Being able to sign medical documents giving consent to medical treatment	Yes				
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Administration of prescribed	Yes				

over-the- counter medications					
Medical procedure carried out in the home, where the person administering the procedure requires training		Yes			

<b>MAINSTREAM EDUCATION</b>	<b>Foster Carer</b>	<b>Social Worker</b>	<b>Team Manager</b>	<b>Service Manager</b>	<b>Assistant Director or Head of Service</b>
Choice and timing of Child/Young Person attending any type of education including change of school		Yes			
Non residential off-site activities	Yes				
Educational residential trips of one night	Yes				
Educational residential trips of more than one night		Yes			
Liaison with school/attendance at school meetings/receipt of reports	Yes				
Decision to access any other services, eg, Pastoral Support		Yes			
Educational trips abroad		Yes			
Use of computers at school	Yes				
School photographs being taken	Yes				
Attendance at any Education related meeting	Yes				
<b>NURSERY / PRE-SCHOOL</b>	<b>Foster Carer</b>	<b>Social Worker</b>	<b>Team Manager</b>	<b>Service Manager</b>	<b>Assistant Director or Head of Service</b>
Permission for a child in care to attend any nursery or pre-school provision			Yes		

<b>FAITH AND RELIGIOUS OBSERVANCE</b>	<b>Foster Carer</b>	<b>Social Worker</b>	<b>Team Manager</b>	<b>Service Manager</b>	<b>Assistant Director or Head of Service</b>
Involvement of Child/Young	Yes				

Person in regular religious activities					
Involvement of Child/Young Person in religious rite of passage for any particular religion or faith, eg, Baptism	Parent Only				

<b>HOLIDAYS AND SOCIAL ACTIVITIES</b>	<b>Foster Carer</b>	<b>Social Worker</b>	<b>Team Manager</b>	<b>Service Manager</b>	<b>Assistant Director or Head of Service</b>
Consent to attendance at recognised children's social organisations, eg, Scouts, Cadets	Yes				
Consent to attendance at other children's social clubs	Yes				
One night stay with friend	Yes				
Extended stay with friend		Yes			
Decision for the Child/Young Person to stay with friends or family of carers	Yes				
Decision to leave Child/Young Person in care of another responsible adult on a regular basis		Yes			
Agreement for Child/Young Person to take part in adventure activities with the foster family that would require consent	Yes				
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Agreement for Child/Young Person to take part in activities that involve risk, eg, rock climbing		Yes			
Application for passport			Yes		
Agreement to take Child/Young Person away from the placement for longer than a weekend		Yes			
Agreement to take Child/Young Person out of the country for no longer than 28 days			Yes		

<b>CONTACT</b>	<b>Foster Carer</b>	<b>Social Worker</b>	<b>Team Manager</b>	<b>Service Manager</b>	<b>Assistant Director or Head of Service</b>
Decision of contact arrangements with birth family over and above those already agreed as part of the Child/Young Person's care plan. Please detail contact plans within the Placement Information/Plan		Yes			
Decision in respect of contact arrangements with previous foster carers		Yes			

<b>OTHER ISSUES</b>	<b>Foster Carer</b>	<b>Social Worker</b>	<b>Team Manager</b>	<b>Service Manager</b>	<b>Assistant Director or Head of Service</b>
Gather information including photographs, certificates, etc, to assist in any 'Life-Story Work'		Yes			
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Allow the Child/Young Person to have a choice of their preferred name/nickname		Yes			
Haircuts – if agreed by parent at Placement Planning - the Foster Carer can arrange	Yes				
Child/Young Person having a mobile phone	Yes				
Child/Young Person involved in part-time employment		Yes			
Child/Young Person accessing Social Networking sites, eg, Facebook (Foster Carer to ensure safe usage)		Yes			
Child/Young Person's image being used in the media, eg, newspaper/TV					Yes

For any areas that the standard agreement does not cover, please record these on the Placement Information/Placement Plan