

Placements in Foster Care

Local information

Leicester City Council has a Placement Commissioning Team which carries out some of the functions covered in this section.

Placement request

The child's social worker should contact the Placement Commissioning Team when it has been decided a child requires a foster placement. The social worker will be asked for a commissioning referral.

The Placement Commissioning Officer will check if in house placement is available or, with the agreement of their Manager, make enquiries with fostering agencies. The Officer will seek consent from a local authority if there is already a child in the proposed placement from another authority.

Matching and Approval of Placement

The Placement Commissioning Officer identifies a potential placement and liaises with the foster carer's supervising social worker.

If the proposed placement is with an independent fostering agency, the Placement Commissioning Manager must approve the placement and draw up the written agreement.

Notification of Placement

It is the Placement Commissioning Officer who ensures notification is sent to the finance section to trigger payments to foster carers.

Ending of Placements

When the placement ends, the child's social worker should update the child's electronic records and notify the Placement Commissioning Team, the foster carer's Supervising Social Worker and the Finance Team so payments cease.