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Leicestershire Procedure for Practice Standards for the Independent Visitors Scheme

Applies to-

Looked after Children



Practice Standards for the Independent Visitors Scheme	Who is Responsible?	Where is the evidence?
All Independent Visitors will have a worker who will be their point of contact	Independent Visitors Co- Coordinator	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • On Mosaic
All Independent Visitors will have contact details of who to contact in cases of emergency or to report any concerns	Independent Visitors Co-ordinator	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mosaic • Independent Visitors reporting feeling supported and have clear guidance
Support group to be set up for all independent Visitors 3 times a year	Independent Visitors Co-ordinator	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Independent Visitors report feeling supported • Minutes from the meetings
All Independent Visitor will have some background details about the young person they are potentially matched too	Independent Visitors Co-ordinator Childs Social Worker	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • On Mosaic
All referrals for the Independent Visitors Scheme will be followed up and children visited within 3 weeks	Independent Visitors Co-ordinator	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • On Mosaic • Will be discussed with SSW and foster carers



<p>of receiving the referral</p> <p>All young people/CSW will be kept up to date on the status of their referral</p>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Visit booked and undertaken
<p>All potential matches will be discussed with the independent visitor and the child/young person</p> <p>Joint matching visit will be undertaken</p>	<p>Independent Visitors Co-ordinator</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • On Mosaic • Visit undertaken • CSW informed
<p>All matches will be reviewed, both informally and formally</p>	<p>Independent Visitor Co-ordinator</p> <p>IRO</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Feedback Form • Mosaic • Child's Plan • Young People have a voice and a choice
<p>All Independent Visitors will have a current and up to date DBS</p>	<p>Independent Visitors Co-ordinator</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • On Mosaic
<p>All independent Visitors subject to an allegation or following concerns regarding their practice will be subject of a LADO and Internal Complaint Procedure</p>	<p>Team Manager</p> <p>LADO</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • On Mosaic



<p>To encourage and develop a training programme for Independent Visitors</p>	<p>Independent Visitors Co-ordinator Training Co-ordinator</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Training programme
<p>All independent visitors will have an annual review</p>	<p>Independent Visitor Co-ordinator</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mosaic • Review Form completed

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