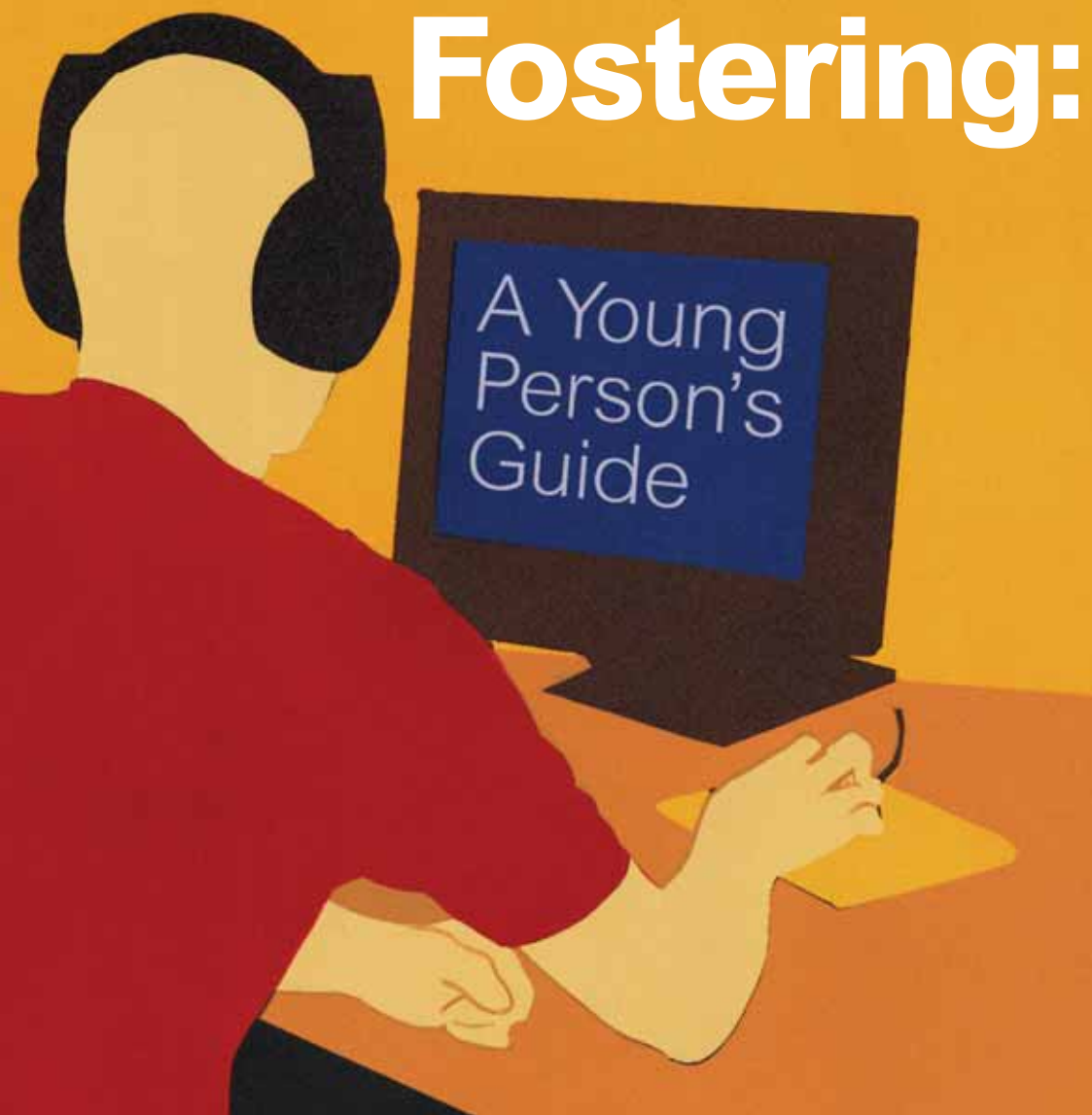


Private Fostering:



Name

Age

Currently living at



What is Private Fostering?

If you are under the age of 16 (18 if you're disabled) and your parent(s) have asked someone who is not your relative to look after you for 28 days or more, you may be privately fostered. The person who looks after you is called a private foster carer.

In this situation a relative is a grandparent, brother, sister, uncle or aunt. They can also be related to you by marriage so this includes step parents.

Someone living with your mother or father, or a great aunt, great uncle or cousin doesn't qualify as a relative in this case.

People who need to know about who looks after you and where you live

If you are being privately fostered Hackney Children's Services needs to know who is looking after you and where you live. The law says that we must make sure that every child in Hackney is safe and properly cared for. The best way to do this is to make sure that Children's Services are told about every child who is privately fostered so that they can check that you are well and happy.

Once Hackney Children's Services know that you are privately fostered they will send a social worker to see you. The social worker will make sure that you are happy living with your private foster carers and will want to talk to you to make sure that you are okay. They will also want to see that your home circumstances are satisfactory and support you wherever possible.

The social worker will visit you regularly – at least every six weeks – in the first year that you live with private foster carers. After the first year, the social worker will visit every 3 months, but you can ask to see the social worker if you have something you want to talk to them about.

The social worker will talk to private foster carers to see if they need any help or support. They will also get in touch with your parent(s) to make sure they know you are being well looked after in the private foster home.

Things You Should Know

You should:

- Be in regular contact with your parents
- Be attending school regularly
- Be registered with a local GP
- Be able to practice your religious beliefs and observe your cultural values
- Feel safe and comfortable at the home in which you live

If you need to speak to someone you can contact Hackney Children and Young People's Services on 0208 356 5500.

Things your private foster carer must do for you

While you are living with your private foster carer they should look after you as if you were their own child. They must do all the everyday things for you that parents do for their own children such as:

- Making sure you are well cared for i.e. regular meals, warm clean clothes, own bed
- Make sure you go to school so you can learn
- Take you to the doctor or the hospital if you are sick or injured, or if you need vaccinations

- Take you to the dentist so your teeth are looked after properly
- Make sure you have the chance to make friends and to enjoy sports and hobbies that you like
- Help you stay in touch with your family
- Help you follow your religion and customs that are important to you and your family.

Your private foster carers must also respect the things that are important to you and your family. If you have religious customs like special prayer times or special foods that you eat, your private foster carers should respect these things and help you to follow these customs. They must help you learn about your culture and meet people from your community who speak your language.

Things a private foster carer must not do

You are still the child of your own parents. Your private foster carer must not:

- Change your name
- Change your school
- Move you to another family
- Take you to another part of this country
- Take you overseas to another country without telling your parents and asking their permission.

When someone gives permission it means they have said “yes” to the thing they are being asked.

If you need serious medical treatment, your own parents have to agree to this – unless it is an emergency and your parents cannot be contacted quickly enough. Then a doctor will decide what to do.

About Me



Education

School:

Address:

Tel:



Health

Doctor's name:

Address:

Tel:

Dentist's name:

Address:

Tel:



Parents' contact information

Parent's name:

Address:

Tel:



Social worker details

Name:

Tel:

Useful Information

Things to do in Hackney

Hackney has 7 libraries, a museum, 4 sports centres and lots of youth centres and projects. For locations and opening hours see Hackney website www.hackney.gov.uk

HYPE - Hackney Young People Empowered

www.thehype.info

HYPE is the Hackney Youth Service's website created exclusively for young people by young people. The website is here to give you a place to post your own material and to let you know about services and information you may need.

Hackney Youth Service

Find out what's on in Hackney on the Hackney Youth Service website.

www.hackney.gov.uk/youth-service



Some useful contact information if you need help or advice

Childline 0800 1111

24 hours helpline for children and young people.

www.childline.co.uk

Pupiline

A website set up by teenagers for teenagers and provides information and useful links on a range of issues including bullying.

www.pupiline.net

Kidscape 08451 205 204

Mon – Fri 10 – 4

Dedicated to keeping kids safe.

www.kidscape.org.uk

Samaritans 020 8520 9191

Text 07725 90 90 90

24hours helpline for anyone passing through a crisis.

Connexions 080 800 13219

Information and advice for young people

www.connexions-direct.com

Childrens Legal Centre

Advice Line 0845 120 2948

University of Essex
Wivenhoe Park, Colchester
Essex CO4 3SQ

clc@essex.ac.uk

www.childrenslegalcentre.com

Health and wellbeing

NHS Direct 0845 4647

Health advice

www.nhsdirect.nhs.uk

Like it is

Life and sex education

www.likeitis.org.uk

Talk to Frank 0800 917 8765

24 hour service

Confidential information and advice on drugs

frank@talktofrank.com

Brook 0800 0185 023

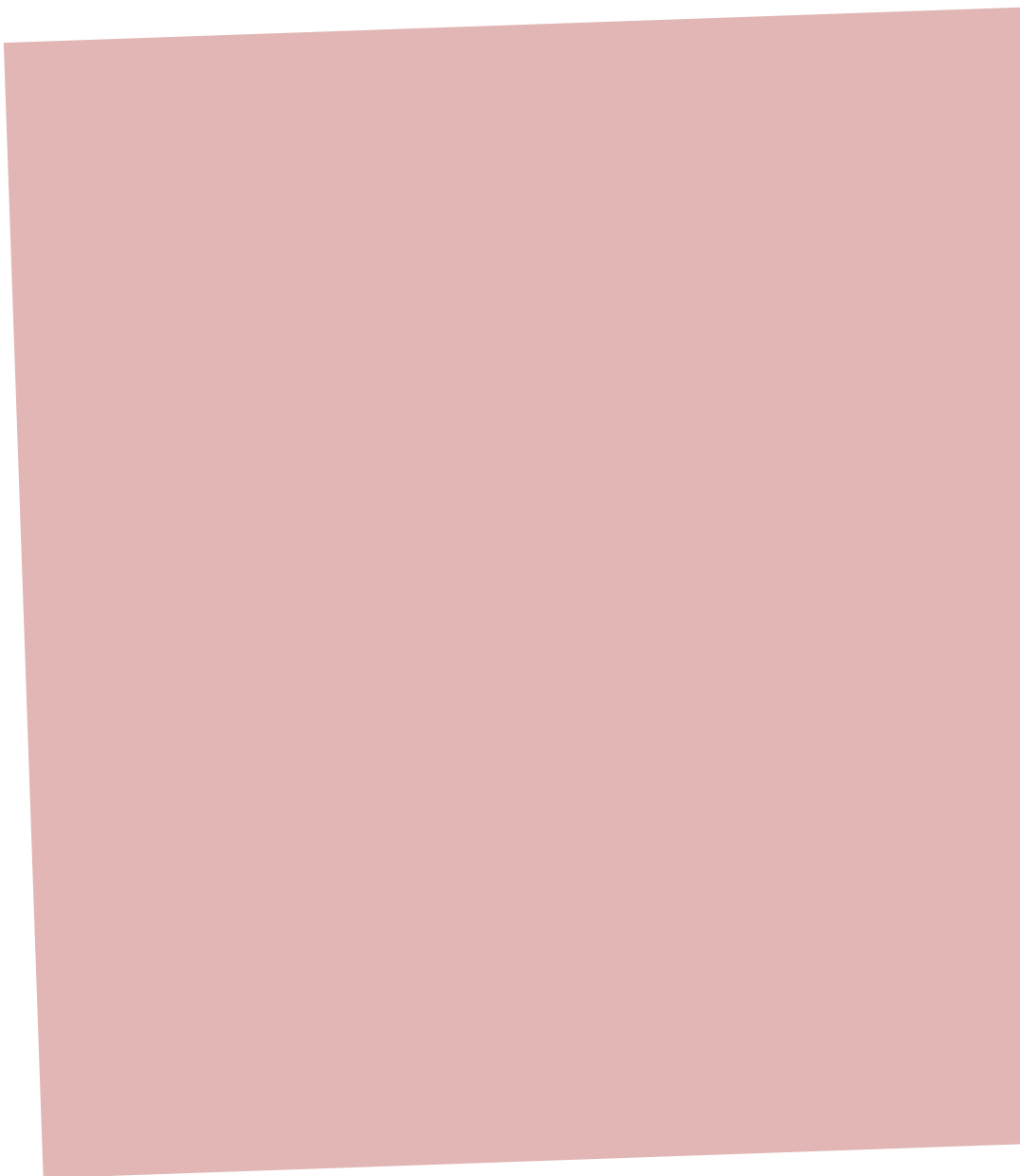
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Advice on sexual health issues

www.brook.org

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