

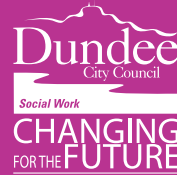
- Yourself - if you are willing and able to attend
- Your social worker
- Your social worker's senior
- Your foster carer or key worker
- Your teacher and other workers involved with you and your family.

There will be a discussion about your placement and how long you are likely to be living away from home. You and your family will be asked to give your views. Your health, your education and your hobbies and activities will also be discussed. Any changes to your living arrangements and to your contact with your family will be agreed with you.

## Worries and Problems

If you have worries about anything you can:

- Speak to your foster carer or the staff at the residential unit
- Speak to your social worker who will be in touch with you regularly
- Telephone the Children's Rights Officer free on **0800 163538**.



If you have difficulty understanding English, please contact this address:

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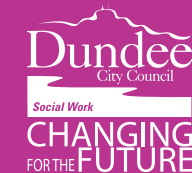
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## Being Looked After & Accommodated by the Social Work Department

Information for  
 Children & Young People





There may be times when it is not possible for you to live in your family home and be looked after by your own family.

Sometimes you can stay with relatives or friends but on other occasions the Social Work Department will arrange for you to be looked after by a foster carer in their family home or in a residential unit with a group of children or young people.

### What will happen when I am looked after and accommodated?

The foster carer or the staff in the residential unit will look after you on behalf of your family.

Wherever possible you will have a visit to the foster family or residential unit before you move in. You will be able to bring your own things from home including favourite clothes, toys, books, or photographs.

Your social worker will be in touch with you regularly. He or she will work with your family and your foster carer or the staff in the residential unit.

- He/she will make arrangements to help you to keep in touch with your family
- He/she will try to make sure that you attend the same school. If this is not possible they will arrange for you to attend another school. Your teacher will know where you are living and will keep in touch with your carers
- He/she will help you to continue your interest in any hobbies, sports or other activities you enjoy
- He/she will let your family know if you are unwell and will arrange for you to see a doctor.

### What can I expect?

You can be sure that when you are living with a foster carer or in a residential unit:

- You will be safe
- You will be well looked after
- You will feel at home
- You will be listened to
- You will have things explained to you
- Your religious and cultural needs will be respected
- You will get support with your school work

- You will know what to do or who to talk to if you are unhappy.

### What is a Care Plan?

When you are looked after and accommodated by the Social Work Department you will have a Care Plan. This is a written plan which covers current and future arrangements for your care. It includes details of where you live, your health, your contact with family and friends, your religion and your education. It is discussed at Looked After Reviews and is included in the minutes of these meetings.

### What are Looked After Reviews?

Your care plan will be regularly discussed at meetings called Looked After Reviews. These meetings are about you. They are held to look at the arrangements for you and to make care plans for your future.

The people who usually attend these meetings are:

- The reviewing officer who chairs the meeting
- Your parent(s) or members of your family