

## Your Children Living with Friends and Relatives

Information for Parents/Carers

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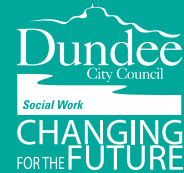
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Many children live temporarily or sometimes permanently with members of their extended family or with friends without the involvement of the local authority.

### The local authority will be involved

- When the carers are not close relatives. This may constitute a private fostering arrangement and the Social Work Department is required by law to carry out some basic checks on the carers and to monitor the placement by visiting the home from time to time.

### The local authority may be involved

- When the child is already known to the Social Work Department or if the child or parent approaches the Social Work Department for help. The Social Work Department may be involved in supporting the arrangement.

In either of these circumstances the child is not regarded as being looked after by the local authority and the carers are not approved foster carers.

The Social Work Department may provide some services if the carers wish.

## Child placed with relatives by a Children's Hearing

When a child is placed with relatives by a Children's Hearing the Social Work Department will have a specific role.

The carers do not need to be approved as foster carers but a link carer's assessment will be undertaken to make sure that the placement is appropriate for the child/young person.

This will include inspection of the carer's accommodation, and health and police checks for all adults who live in the carer's household.

The placement will be reviewed periodically in order to ensure that it continues to be satisfactory and is meeting the needs of the child or young person.