

# Safeguarding Privately Fostered Children

## FREE BRIEFING

### Background

Private fostering is the term used when someone who is not a parent or a 'close relative' (e.g. great aunt, cousin, mum's friend or a neighbour) cares for a child or young person in their own home. The Local Authority has a duty to safeguard and promote the welfare of privately fostered children under the Children's Act 2004.

Many private foster carers and parents are not aware of their obligations and, as a result, many private fostering arrangements remain hidden, leaving the children who have been placed with them without the benefit of formal monitoring arrangements.

### Learning Objectives:

By the end of this training participants will:

- Recognise a Private Fostering Situation
- Understand the Local Authorities' duty towards privately fostered children
- Know how to notify a privately fostering arrangement

### Level 2

#### Trainer:

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#### ONLINE

##### Monday 15/11/21

13:15	Registration
13:30	Start
15:00	Finish

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##### Thursday 24/02/22

13:15	Registration
13:30	Start
15:00	Finish

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