

Foster Carers' Charter Checklist

This list is designed to gauge if the foster carers' charter has been implemented in your service; it is not a comprehensive list of actions.

Checklist		How could this be improved?	Check?
Launching the charter			
1.	The charter has been signed by the Director of Children's Services or fostering service, the lead councillor and a representative of the foster care association or support group.		
2.	An action plan has been written outlining the fostering service's responsibilities in the charter point by point.		
3.	The charter has been circulated to all existing foster carers and other members of the team around the child (including supervising social workers, children's social workers, IROs, leaving care team, health and education leads).		
Inducting new people			
4.	The charter is highlighted at the preparation training for prospective foster carers.		
5.	Foster carers are given a copy of the charter when they are approved.		
6.	The Foster Carers Agreement includes a commitment to the charter.		
7.	When new staff join the team around the child they are made aware of the charter.		
Communicating the charter			
8.	The charter is easily accessible on the fostering service website or other digital platform and is available to anyone who requests a copy.		
9.	Everyone in the team around the child has easy access to the charter on the intranet or equivalent.		
10.	The charter is discussed during foster carers' supervision meetings, with both parties having the opportunity to give feedback on how it is working.		

Reporting on progress			
11.	There is a plan for the fostering service, foster carers and the local authority to review the charter together at regular intervals.		
12.	The service/business plan reflects the charter.		
13.	Progress against the charter is included in the annual service report.		