

WHAT YOU SHOULD DO IF YOU THINK A CHILD IS BEING PRIVATELY FOSTERED

Parents may have many good reasons for making an arrangement for someone who is not related to their child, such as a good friend or neighbour, to look after their son or daughter.

Children can come to Scotland for summer schools or through a charity or voluntary agency who wants to provide them with a break from difficult circumstances in their country of residence. The agency may have asked local families to offer the child a place within their home, while the child is in Scotland.

We all need to ensure that children are looked after safely and receive good care.

Many private fostering arrangements will come to the attention of schools, health services and neighbours in a community but not necessarily to social work.

If you know or think that a child is being privately fostered, you should let us know immediately, so that we can make sure that the child is kept safe and well.

You should contact either of the following social work offices:

If you live in the Barrhead/Neilston area

You should notify:

Children and Families Team
Barrhead Council Offices
211 Main Street
Barrhead
East Renfrewshire
G78 1XE

Tel: 0141 577 8300

Clarkston/Busby/Giffnock area

You should notify:

Children and Families Team
Clarkston Office
56/60 Busby Road
Clarkston
East Renfrewshire
G76 7AT

Tel: 0141 577 4000