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STATUTORY RULES OF NORTHERN IRELAND

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**1996 No. 463**

**The Placement of Children with Parents  
etc. Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1996**

**Inquiries and assessment**

**3.—(1)** Before a placement decision is made, an authority shall make all necessary inquiries in respect of—

- (a) the health of the child;
- (b) the suitability of the person with whom it is proposed that the child should be placed;
- (c) the suitability of the proposed accommodation, including the proposed sleeping arrangements;
- (d) the educational and social needs of the child; and
- (e) the suitability of all other members of the household, aged 10 and over, in which it is proposed the child will live.

(2) In considering the suitability of a person as required by paragraph (1)(b) or (e), the authority shall, so far as is practicable, take into account the particulars specified in paragraphs 1 and 2 respectively of Schedule 1.