



Foster Children Act 1980

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Control by local authorities of fostering

9 Power to impose requirements as to the keeping of foster children

- (1) Where a person is keeping or proposes to keep foster children in premises used (while foster children are kept in them) wholly or partly for that purpose, the local authority may impose on him requirements as to—
 - (a) the number, age and sex of the foster children who may be kept at any one time in the premises or any part of them;
 - (b) the accommodation and equipment to be provided for the children;
 - (c) the medical arrangements to be made for protecting the health of the children ;
 - (d) the giving of particulars of the person for the time being in charge of the children ;
 - (e) the number, qualifications or experience of persons employed in looking after the children ;
 - (f) the keeping of records;
 - (g) the fire precautions to be taken in the premises ;
 - (h) the giving of particulars of any foster child received in the premises and of any change in the number or identity of the foster children kept in them.
- (2) A requirement imposed under this section may be limited to a particular class of foster children kept in the premises; and a requirement imposed under paragraphs (b) to (h) above may be limited by the authority so as to apply only when the number of foster children kept in the premises exceeds a specified number.
- (3) A person shall, after such time as the local authority may specify, comply with any requirement imposed on him under this section whenever a foster child is kept in the premises in question.
- (4) A requirement imposed under this section shall be imposed by notice in writing addressed to the person on whom it is imposed and informing him of his right under section 11(1) below to appeal against the requirement and of the time within which he may do so.