



Foster Children (Scotland) Act 1984

1984 CHAPTER 56

Control by local authorities of fostering

8 Power to inspect premises.

Any officer of a local authority authorised to visit foster children may, after producing, if asked to do so, some duly authenticated document showing that he is so authorised, inspect any premises in the area of the authority in which foster children are to be or are being kept.

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 mainly 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 the persons employed in looking after the children;
 - (f) the keeping of records.
- (2) A requirement imposed under paragraphs (b) to (f) of subsection (1) 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.

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- (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) to appeal against the requirement and of the time within which he may do so.

10 Power to prohibit the keeping of foster children.

- (1) Where a person proposes to keep a foster child in any premises and the local authority are of opinion that it would be detrimental to that child to be kept by him in those premises, the local authority may prohibit him from doing so; and if the premises are not for the time being used by him for the keeping of any foster child and the local authority are of opinion that it would be detrimental to any foster child to be kept by him in those premises, the local authority may prohibit his use of the premises or the keeping of any foster child.
- (2) Where a local authority impose a requirement on any person under section 9 as respects any premises, they may prohibit him from keeping foster children in the premises after the time specified for compliance with the requirement unless the requirement is complied with.
- (3) A prohibition 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) to appeal against the prohibition and of the time within which he may do so.

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