
STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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The Fostering Services Regulations 2002

PART III

CONDUCT OF FOSTERING SERVICES

Independent fostering agencies—duty to secure welfare

- 11.** The registered person in respect of an independent fostering agency⁽¹⁾ shall ensure that—
- (a) the welfare of children placed or to be placed with foster parents is safeguarded and promoted at all times; and
 - (b) before making any decision affecting a child placed or to be placed with foster parents due consideration is given to—
 - (i) the child's wishes and feelings in the light of his age and understanding; and
 - (ii) his religious persuasion, racial origin and cultural and linguistic background.

⁽¹⁾ Similar duties already apply to a fostering agency within the meaning of section 4(4)(b) of the 2000 Act by virtue of section 61 of the Children Act 1989, and to a local authority by virtue of section 22 of the Children Act.