
STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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The Fostering Services (England) Regulations 2011

PART 5

Approval of Foster Parents

Meetings of fostering panel

24.—(1) No business may be conducted by a fostering panel unless at least the following meet as the panel—

- (i) either the person appointed to chair the panel or one of the vice chairs,
- (ii) one member who is a social worker who has at least three years' relevant post-qualifying experience, and
- (iii) three, or in the case of a fostering panel established under regulation 23(5) four, other members, and

where the chair is not present and the vice chair who is present is not independent of the fostering service provider, at least one of the other panel members must be independent of the fostering service provider.

(2) A fostering panel must make a written record of its proceedings and the reasons for its recommendations.