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## STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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# 2011 No. 581

## The Fostering Services (England) Regulations 2011

### PART 5

#### Approval of Foster Parents

##### Functions of fostering panel

**25.**—(1) The functions of the fostering panel in respect of cases referred to it by the fostering service provider are—

- (a) to consider each application for approval and to recommend whether or not a person is suitable to be a foster parent,
  - (b) where it recommends approval of an application, to recommend any terms on which the approval is to be given,
  - (c) to recommend whether or not a person remains suitable to be a foster parent, and whether or not the terms of their approval (if any) remain appropriate—
    - (i) on the first review carried out in accordance with regulation 28(2), and
    - (ii) on the occasion of any other review, if requested to do so by the fostering service provider in accordance with regulation 28(5), and
  - (d) to consider any case referred to it under regulation 27(9) or 28(10).
- (2) In considering what recommendation to make under paragraph (1), the fostering panel—
- (a) must consider and take into account all of the information passed to it in accordance with regulation 26, 27 or 28 (as the case may be),
  - (b) may request the fostering service provider to obtain any other relevant information or to provide such other assistance as the fostering panel considers necessary, and
  - (c) may obtain such legal advice or medical advice as it considers necessary.

[<sup>F1</sup>(2A) In relation to the case of a person in respect of whom a report has been prepared in accordance with regulation 26(3), the fostering panel must either—

- (a) request the fostering service provider to prepare a further written report, covering all the matters set out in regulation 26(2)(c); or
- (b) recommend that the person is not suitable to be a foster parent.]

(3) The fostering service provider must obtain such information as the fostering panel considers necessary and send that information to the panel, and provide such other assistance as the fostering panel may request, so far as is reasonably practicable.

(4) The fostering panel must also—

- (a) advise, where appropriate, on the procedures under which reviews in accordance with regulation 28 are carried out by the fostering service provider, and periodically monitor their effectiveness,
- (b) oversee the conduct of assessments carried out by the fostering service provider, and

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- (c) give advice, and make recommendations, on such other matters or cases as the fostering service provider may refer to it.
- (5) In this regulation “recommend” means recommend to the fostering service provider.

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**Textual Amendments**

- F1** Reg. 25(2A) inserted (1.4.2015) by [The Care Planning and Fostering \(Miscellaneous Amendments\) \(England\) Regulations 2015 \(S.I. 2015/495\)](#), regs. 1, **12**

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