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The Fostering Services (Wales) Regulations 2003

PART I

GENERAL

Statement of purpose and children's guide

3.—(1) The fostering service provider must compile, in relation to the fostering service, a written statement (in these Regulations referred to as the "statement of purpose") which must consist of—

(a) a statement of the aims and objectives of the fostering service; and

(b) a statement as to the services and facilities to be provided by the fostering service.

(2) The fostering service provider must provide a copy of the statement of purpose to the appropriate office of the National Assembly and must make it available, upon request, for inspection by—

(a) any person working for the purposes of the fostering service;

(b) any foster parent or prospective foster parent of the fostering service;

(c) any child placed with a foster parent by the fostering service; and

(d) the parent of any such child.

(3) The fostering service provider must produce a written guide to the fostering service (in these Regulations referred to as the "children's guide") which must include—

(a) a summary of the statement of purpose;

(b) a summary of the procedure established—

(i) in the case of an independent fostering agency, under regulation 18(1);

(ii) in the case of a local authority fostering service, under section 26(3) of the 1989 Act; and

(iii) in the case of a fostering agency falling within section 4(4)(b) of the 2000 Act, under section 59(4)(b) of the 1989 Act(**1**);

(c) the address and telephone number of the appropriate office of the National Assembly; and

(d) the address and telephone number of the Children's Commissioner for Wales(**2**).

(4) The fostering service provider must provide a copy of the children's guide to the appropriate office of the National Assembly, to each foster parent approved by the fostering service provider and (subject to the child's age and understanding) to each child placed by it.

(5) Subject to paragraph (6) the fostering service provider must ensure that the fostering service is at all times conducted in a manner which is consistent with its statement of purpose.

(**1**) The current Regulations are the Representations Procedure (Children) Regulations 1991 (S.I.1991/894, as amended by S.I. 1991/2033, S.I. 1993/3069, and S.I. 2001/2874).

(**2**) As established under Part V of the Care Standards Act 2000.

(6) Nothing in paragraph (5) requires or authorises the fostering service provider to contravene or not comply with—

(a) any other provision of these Regulations; or

(b) in the case of a fostering agency, any conditions for the time being in force in relation to the registration of the registered person under Part II of the 2000 Act.