WELSH STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

# 2018 No. 1339 (W. 261)

# SOCIAL CARE, WALES

The Local Authority Fostering Services (Wales) Regulations 2018

Made	12 December 2018
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# THE LOCAL AUTHORITY FOSTERING SERVICES (WALES) REGULATIONS 2018

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SCHEDULE	Information to be contained in a statement of purpose by a local authority provider
	The statement of purpose prepared by a local authority provider
SCHEDULE	Records to be kept by local authority providers
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1.	A record showing in respect of each child placed with
2.	A record of all persons working for the local authority
3.	A record of all serious accidents and injuries occurring to
4.	A record of all complaints made under the complaints policy
5.	Date and circumstances of any safeguarding referrals, and the outcome
6.	Date and circumstances of any incident of control or restraint
SCHEDULE	
3	
	PART 1 — Information and documentation to be available in respect of persons working in fostering services
1.	Proof of identity including a recent photograph.
2.	Where required for the purposes of an exempted question in

3. Where required for the purposes of an exempted question asked...

- 4. Two written references, including a reference from the last employer,...
- 5. Where a person has previously worked in a position whose...
- 6. Documentary evidence of any relevant qualification.
- 7. Where relevant, documentary evidence of registration with Social Care Wales....
- 8. A full employment history, together with a satisfactory written explanation...
- 9. Details of registration with or membership of any professional body....
  - PART 2 Interpretation of Part 1
- 10. For the purposes of paragraphs 2 and 3 of Part... Explanatory Note

**Changes to legislation:** There are currently no known outstanding effects for the The Local Authority Fostering Services (Wales) Regulations 2018.