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STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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**2002 No. 57**

**The Fostering Services Regulations 2002**

**PART V**

**PLACEMENTS**

**Supervision of placements**

**35.**—(1) A responsible authority shall satisfy itself that the welfare of each child placed by it continues to be suitably provided for by the placement, and for that purpose the authority shall make arrangements for a person authorised by the authority to visit the child, in the home in which he is placed—

- (a) from time to time as circumstances may require;
- (b) when reasonably requested by the child or the foster parent; and
- (c) in any event (subject to regulation 37)—
  - (i) in the first year of the placement, within one week from its beginning and then at intervals of not more than six weeks;
  - (ii) subsequently, at intervals of not more than 3 months.

(2) In the case of an immediate placement under regulation 38, the local authority shall arrange for the child to be visited at least once in each week during the placement.

(3) On each occasion on which the child is visited under this regulation the responsible authority shall ensure that the person it has authorised to carry out the visit—

- (a) sees the child alone unless the child, being of sufficient age and understanding to do so, refuses; and
- (b) prepares a written report of the visit.