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STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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**1991 No. 910**

**The Foster Placement (Children) Regulations 1991**

**PART IV**

**LOCAL AUTHORITY VISITS TO CHILDREN  
PLACED BY VOLUNTARY ORGANISATIONS**

**Circumstances necessitating visits by local authorities**

**15.**—(1) Subject to paragraph (2) every local authority shall arrange for one of their officers to visit every child who is accommodated with a foster parent within their area by or on behalf of a voluntary organisation in any of the following circumstances and within the periods specified—

- (a) within 28 days of the placement with the foster parent;
- (b) where the voluntary organisation which made the placement with the foster parent make representations to the local authority that there are circumstances relating to the child which require a visit, within 14 days of the receipt of the representations;
- (c) where the local authority are informed that the welfare of the child may not be being safeguarded or promoted, as soon as reasonably practicable but in any event within 7 days of being informed;
- (d) where the local authority are satisfied, following a visit to a child under this regulation in respect of a placement with the foster parent, that the child's welfare is being safeguarded and promoted, at intervals of not more than six months.

(2) This regulation shall not apply to children in respect of whom the local authority have made arrangements under regulation 8.

**Requirements in respect of visits**

**16.** Every local authority shall make arrangements to ensure that in respect of any visit made pursuant to regulation 15 an officer of theirs (but subject to regulation 9(2))—

- (a) sees the child during the course of the visit, unless he considers it unnecessary to do so or the child is not in fact with the foster parents at the time of the visit;
- (b) if the child is not there, makes arrangements to see the child as soon as reasonably practicable;
- (c) takes steps to discover whether the voluntary organisation which placed the child have made suitable arrangements to perform their duties under these Regulations and those under section 61 of the Act.