

### SCHEDULE 3

Regulations 7 and 8

#### Welfare of children who are fostered privately

1. The matters referred to in regulations 7(1)(e) and 8(4) are—
  - (a) that the intended duration of the fostering arrangement is understood and agreed between—
    - (i) the parents of the child or any other person with parental responsibility for the child; and
    - (ii) the private foster carer;
  - (b) the wishes and feelings of the child about the arrangement (considered in the light of his age and understanding);
  - (c) that the child's physical, intellectual, emotional, social and behavioural development is appropriate and satisfactory;
  - (d) that the child's needs arising from his religious persuasion, racial origin, and cultural and linguistic background are being met;
  - (e) that the financial arrangements for the care and maintenance of the child are working;
  - (f) the capacity of the private foster carer to look after the child;
  - (g) the suitability of the accommodation;
  - (h) that the arrangements for care of the child's health are in place and, in particular, that the child is included on the list of a person who provides primary medical services pursuant to Part 1 of the National Health Service Act 1977(1);
  - (i) the arrangements for the child's education;
  - (j) the standard of the care which the child is being given;
  - (k) the suitability of members of the private foster carer's household;
  - (l) whether the contact between the child and his parents, or any other person with whom contact has been arranged, is satisfactory for the child;
  - (m) how decisions about the child's care are being taken; and
  - (n) whether the private foster carer, the parents of the child, any other person with parental responsibility for the child, or any other person concerned with the child are being given such advice as appears to the authority to be needed.

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(1) 1977 c. 49; section 16CC (inserted by section 174 of the Health and Social Care (Community Health and Standards) Act 2003 (c. 43) imposes a duty on primary care trusts to provide or secure provision of primary medical services.