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STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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**The Fostering Services (England) Regulations 2011**

**PART 4**

**Conduct of Fostering Services**

**Independent fostering agencies—duty to secure welfare**

- 11.** The registered person in respect of an independent fostering agency must ensure that—
- (a) the welfare of children placed or to be placed with foster parents is safeguarded and promoted at all times, and
  - (b) before making any decision affecting a child placed or to be placed with a foster parent due consideration is given to the child's—
    - (i) wishes and feelings (having regard to the child's age and understanding), and
    - (ii) religious persuasion, racial origin and cultural and linguistic background.