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**SOCIAL CARE, WALES**

**The Regulated Fostering Services (Service Providers  
and Responsible Individuals) (Wales) Regulations 2019**

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**THE REGULATED FOSTERING SERVICES  
(SERVICE PROVIDERS AND RESPONSIBLE  
INDIVIDUALS) (WALES) REGULATIONS 2019**

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### 1

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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 SCW.
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...

## SCHEDULE

### 2

#### Records to be kept by service providers

1. A record showing in respect of each child placed with...
2. A record of all persons working for the service provider,...
3. A record of all serious accidents and injuries occurring to...

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  6. Date and circumstances of any incident of control or restraint...
- SCHEDULE 3
- Notifications by the service provider
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1. Any revision to the statement of purpose, 28 days prior...
  2. Service provider (individual or organisation) changes their name.
  3. Where, on or after 1 April 2020, the service provider...
  - 3A Where, on or after 1 April 2020, the service provider...
  4. Where the service provider is an individual, the appointment of...
  5. Where the service provider is a body corporate or partnership,...
  6. Where the service provider is a partnership, death of one...
  7. Where the service provider is a partnership, any change in...
  8. Expected absence of the responsible individual for 28 days or...
  9. Unexpected absence of the responsible individual, no later than 7...
  10. Unexpected absence of the responsible individual for 28 days or...
  11. Return from absence of the responsible individual.
  12. The responsible individual ceases, or proposes to cease, being the...
  13. Any abuse or allegation of abuse in relation to a...
  14. Service provider, responsible individual or appointed manager convicted of criminal...
  15. Any allegation of misconduct by a member of staff.
  16. Serious accident or injury of a child placed with foster...
  17. Any incident which is reported to the police relating to...
  18. Death of a child placed with foster parents.
  19. Any referral to the Disclosure and Barring Service pursuant to...
  20. Instigation and outcome of any child protection enquiry involving a...
  21. Any incident of child sexual or criminal exploitation or any...
  22. Any proposed change to the address of the principal office,...
- PART 2 — Notifications to the placing authority
23. Death of a child placed with foster parents.
  24. Any referral to the Disclosure and Barring Service pursuant to...
  25. Serious accident or injury of a child placed with foster...
  26. Outbreak at the home of foster parents of any infectious...
  27. Allegation that a child placed with foster parents has committed...
  28. Any incident which is reported to the police relating to...
  29. Any incident of a child placed with foster parents being...
  30. Any serious complaint or allegation about any foster parents approved...
  31. Instigation and outcome of any child protection enquiry involving a...
  32. Any incident of child sexual or criminal exploitation or any...
- PART 3 — Notifications to the area authority in whose area the foster home is situated
33. Death of a child placed with foster parents.
  34. Outbreak at the home of foster parents of any infectious...
  35. Any incident of child sexual or criminal exploitation or any...
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PART 4 — Notifications to the Local Health Board in whose area the child is placed

- 38. The death of a child placed with foster parents.
- 39. Outbreak at the home of foster parents of any infectious...

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- 40. Allegation that a child placed with foster parents has committed...
- 41. Any incident of child sexual or criminal exploitation or any...

SCHEDULE Notifications by the responsible individual

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- 1. The appointment of a manager (see regulation 50(1)).
- 2. The expected absence of the appointed manager for 28 days...
- 3. The unexpected absence of the appointed manager, no later than...
- 4. The unexpected absence of appointed manager for 28 days or...
- 5. Return from absence of appointed manager.
- 6. Interim arrangements where the manager is absent for longer than...
- 7. Someone other than the appointed manager is proposing to manage...
- 8. The appointed manager ceases, or proposes to cease, managing the...

Explanatory Note

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**Changes and effects yet to be applied to :**

- reg. 2 words substituted by [S.I. 2019/1094 Sch. 3 para. 48\(3\)](#) (This effect amends the Welsh language text of S.I. 2019/169 which is not published on [www.legislation.gov.uk](http://www.legislation.gov.uk).)

**Changes and effects yet to be applied to the whole Instrument associated Parts and Chapters:**

Whole provisions yet to be inserted into this Instrument (including any effects on those provisions):

- Sch. 3 para. 22A inserted by [S.I. 2023/1325 reg. 10](#)