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SHARING THE COST- SOCIAL WORKER PROCESS FOR LOOKED AFTER CHILDREN

<p>Social Worker Is a Section 20 placement being considered?</p>	<p align="center">NO </p>	<p align="center">NO CHARGE</p>
<p>YES </p>		
<p>Social Worker Social Worker informs the parent that they could be liable for contribution towards the costs of accommodating their child. Does the parent wish to proceed with the placement or consider other forms of support?</p>	<p align="center">NO </p>	<p align="center">NO PLACEMENT</p>
<p>YES </p>		
<p>Social Worker Does one of the following apply: Is the child aged 16 or over? Or Are services being provided as After Care Under Section 117 of the Mental Health Act Or Is the placement on an Interim Care Order or an Emergency Protection Order? Or Is the placement under Part 3, Section 21 i.e. Police Protection, PACE, Remand or Supervision Order?</p>	<p align="center">YES</p>	<p align="center">NO CHARGE</p>

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<p align="center">NO</p> <p align="center"></p>	<p align="center">YES</p> <p align="center"></p>	
<p>Social Worker</p> <p>Social Worker completes simple assessment: Identify who has Parental Responsibility and are they in receipt of;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Income Support • Any element of Child Tax Credit other than the Family element • Working Tax Credit • Income based job seekers allowance • Income related employment and support allowance? <p>If the parent refuses to answer, follow the instructions for 'NO'.</p>		<p>NO CHARGE</p> <p>Parent has to evidence any reason why no charge can be applied.</p> <p>Exemptions include;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Adoption Breakdown • Evidence produced to show receipt of benefits listed. <p><i>Social Worker needs to indicate in the 'Notes' Section on LCS the reason why a Financial Assessment is not required to be completed and evidence they were shown.</i></p> <p><i>Evidence must be uploaded onto LCS- Photograph/ photocopy of benefit receipt.</i></p> <p><i>NI Number shared for Social Worker to inform Care Finance Team to conduct a Benefit check which will determine whether a charge can be applied or not.</i></p>
<p>NO</p> <p align="center"></p>		
<p>Social Worker</p> <p>Social Worker informs the parents that they are/ could be liable for a means tested contribution and that the Financial Assessment Team will be in contact to complete the assessment.</p> <p>The Social Worker needs to give the parent a copy of the maximum potential charges and inform the parent that charges are applicable from the placement date- not the date of assessment.</p>		

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The parent also needs to be informed that if they fail to complete the assessment on 3 occasions then they will be liable for the full charge.



Social Worker

When the placement details are entered into LCS;

- It must be recorded that that a Financial Assessment has been identified in the 'Notes' Section
- Include; Name (s) of parent (s) to be assessed and potential risk (if any) associated with the visit.
- A copy of this entry needs to be forwarded to Brian.Pemberton@lancashire.gov.uk- Financial Assessment Team