

# Emergency Foster Care Guidance

What is an emergency placement?

Emergency Foster Carers provide fostering placements in an emergency and arranged after normal office hours. We also have a scheme where Emergency Foster Carers are on call on a rota basis covering weekends and bank holidays. The agreement when placing with an Emergency Foster carer is that any child placed has to leave the placement on the Monday (Tuesday if a bank holiday)

Emergency Rota:

A foster carer will be on call and available for placements of children 0-18 from Friday at 5pm to Monday at 9am. On Bank Holidays this changes to cover the bank holidays. Foster carers will receive an on call payment of £50 per night they are on call. In addition to this, if they have a placement they will receive a pro rata fee and allowance for any child/ren placed.

The fostering support worker on call will be informed if an emergency placement is made and they will make contact with the foster carer to offer support. On the morning of the end of placement, consideration will be made to whether we use an emergency child minder to care for the child whilst the social workers make arrangements for the children.

Weekday Emergency Placements

During weekdays, (after 5pm) we will not have an on call rota however, if you are contacted and accept a placement of a child/ren then you will receive a £50 disturbance payment and will receive a pro rata fee and allowance for any child/ren placed.