

06 Safeguarding children, young people and vulnerable adults procedures

06.8 Looked after children

Identification.

A 'Looked after Child' is a child in public care, who is placed with foster carers, in a residential home or with parents or other relatives. We keep one guaranteed place available for children who are a looked after child for each intake.

Services provided to Looked After Children

Two-year-olds

- Places will be offered to two and half-year-old children who are looked after; where the placement in the setting will normally last a minimum of six months.
- Where the child is already in attendance and has a secure attachment with an existing key person a continuation of the existing place will be offered.

Three- and four-year-olds

- Places will be offered for funded three- and four-year -olds who are looked after; where the placement in the setting will normally last a minimum of 6 months
- If a child who attends a setting is taken into care and is cared for by a local carer the place will continue to be made available to the child.

Additional Support

- The designated person or deputy and key person liaise with agencies and professionals involved with the child, and his or her family, and ensure appropriate information is gained and shared.
- 6.8a Care plan for looked after children form is completed. The care plan is reviewed after six weeks and thereafter at regular intervals.
- Regular contact will be maintained with the social worker through planned meetings.