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No	Standard	Regulation	Requirement	Action	Responsibility	Time
1	FS8	30(3)	The provider must ensure that: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - placement details include the reasons why the placements ended. - Placements are consistent with terms of approvals. - Changes to terms of approvals, if sought in an emergency are properly justified in terms of best interest of the child, agreed at management level and referred promptly to panel. 	Placement Record cars to be updated.	BRM	01.04.07
				Exemption form to be revised.	FSM/FTM	01.04.07
				Any change of approval to be referred to FP.	FTM	
2	FS21	29(6)	The provider must ensure that foster carers receive written notice of its decision after each review regarding whether the carer continues or not to be suitable and the terms of approval appropriate.	Pro-forma letter to be written after each review.	FTM/BRM	01.05.07

RECOMMENDATIONS

These recommendations relate to National Minimum Standards and are seen as good practice for the Registered Provider/s to consider carrying out.

No	Refer to Standard	Good Practice Recommendations	Responsibility	Timescale
1	FS6	That, as part of its strategy to provide suitable foster carers, the service implements the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - To update CRB checks for carers and household members regularly, consistently with Southwark's own policy. An effective system should be put in place to ensure that when checks are due and whether they are done or not, can be monitored. This should also include checks for kinship carers whose files are held in the district (i.e. those not yet transferred to the fostering service). <p>Action: Done for Fostering Service. System to be devised for District held cases.</p>	FSM	01.04.07
			BM/CLA	23.04.07
			SSW's	01.04.07

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		To repeat health and safety checks annually as part of the foster carers' reviews. Action: To complete new H&S checklist prior to each review.		
		To update medicals 5 yearly for all carers. Action: to discuss with LAC health professionals. - To ask for evidence of up-to-date CRB checks for carers and their households, when seeking fostering placements from independent fostering agencies or other local authorities. Action: To be incorporated by Brokerage.	FSM Southwark Brokerage	30.04.07 30.04.07
2	FS8	That, regarding approvals: 1. <u>For Family Link Carers</u> That the ages of the children in the terms of approval are consistent with what individual carers are considered most suitable for. 2. <u>For Mainstream Carers</u> That the terms of foster carers' approval are clearly indicated on their files. That copies of notices of approval are sent to foster carers and are retained on the files.	Done. Done. Done.	
3	FS8	That placement agreement meetings are held and recorded.	CLA SM's BM assessment/ protection	30.04.07
4	FS9	That, as part of their policy to protect children in placements: - Safer caring guidelines are completed for each fostering household and a copy is kept on the individual carer's file. - Concerns expressed about the safety or well-being of a child are regarded as allegations rather than complains.	FTM FTM	30.04.07 30.04.07

