



COUNTESS GYTHA PRESCHOOL

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.

Services provided to Looked After Children

Two year olds

- Places will be offered to two-year-old children who are looked after; where the placement in the setting will normally last a minimum of three 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 six weeks.
- If a child who attends the 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 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.
- A meeting of professionals involved with the child is convened by the setting at the start of a placement. A personal education plan for children over 3 years old is put in place within 10 days of the child becoming looked after.
- Following this meeting, a care plan for looked after children form is completed. The care plan is reviewed after two weeks, six weeks, three months, and thereafter at three to six monthly intervals.
- Regular contact will be maintained with the social worker through planned meetings, which will include contribution to the PEP which is reviewed annually.

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Next review date: March 2024