

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.

Services provided to Looked After Children

- Places will be provided for children as appropriate to their age and level of need.
- We can offer services that enable a child to play/engage with other children while the carer stays.
- We can offer services where enhanced transition/ settling processes can be put in place.
- We will ensure that both existing children, and children arriving at the setting will experience a secure attachment to a key worker, and receive a high level of appropriate support.
- 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 DSL 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.
- The setting works with other professionals to ensure a Personal Education Plan (PEP) is put in place and used to support the child appropriately.
- Regular contact will be maintained with the social worker through planned meetings, which will include contribution to the PEP which is reviewed regularly.