

# Context statement

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Job title: Fostering Reviewing Officer

Directorate/Service/Team: People -Children/Safeguarding and Standards

## Organisation structure

The role sits within the Safeguarding and Standards Service area of Care and Protection.

This post is based within the Safeguarding and Standards Service and is line managed by a Safeguarding Advisor. The Safeguarding and Standards Team consists of the IRO service for Looked After Children, the Child Protection Conference Chairing service, the Family Assessment Specialist service and the Safeguarding Advisory service. The Business Support Team for the Dorset Safeguarding Children Board also sits within this service. The team is led by the Senior Manager for Safeguarding and Standards.

## Context of work

The role of the Fostering Reviewing Officer is:

- To provide independent scrutiny in undertaking the annual reviews of all DC Foster Carers (and a six-month review of newly approved Foster Carers), including Connected Persons, within the statutory requirements, regulations and timescales.
- To undertake urgent reviews on DC Foster Carers who have been the subject of allegations and standards of care concerns.
- Through the reviewing process, to ensure that fostering placements meet the needs of individual children, that the children are safeguarded and that they are supported in their plans for a permanent placement.
- To review the training and development plans of Foster Carers and ensure that they are compliant with regulations.
- To work in partnership with the Supervising Fostering Social Worker to ensure that all documentation is readily available within the regulatory timescales for the Review to be undertaken.
- To ensure that there is appropriate evaluation, validation and analysis of the information provided from all sources and that this is represented within the complete Review.
- To present the Review at Fostering Panel where this is relevant.

## Travel requirement



This position has a significant travel requirement. This means that there is a requirement for a vehicle (or transport deemed to be suitable by the county council) to be available on most working days in order to carry out normal duties. Employees in positions with a significant travel requirement are required to provide a replacement vehicle if their usual vehicle is not available over an extended period.]

## Other information

This is a dynamic role and the post holder will be encouraged to help in developing this over time, particularly in respect of improving the service and outcomes for children and young people. The post holder will be expected to participate in the overall development of practice standards and service delivery within the Fostering Service and across other People - Children Teams. The post holder will also be expected to contribute to the overall aims of the service and the Directorate.

This post involves working with children or vulnerable adults and/or having access to significant information about them and will be subject to a Disclosure and Barring Service check.

This context statement has been prepared and will be maintained by the service.

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