

Delegated Authority
Children in Care



This is Plymouth City's council's standard agreement for Delegated Authority for all children in their care.

Name of Child:

Name of Foster Parent(s) / Connected Carer(s):

The chart below indicates who can be delegated authority.

N.B. Key worker is delegated authority to residential provider

HEALTH	Foster Parent/ Connected Carer	Social Worker	Team Manager	Service Manager	Head of Service	Service Director
Routine health and development checks e.g. dentist/opticians GP,HV.	Yes					
To administer over the counter medication.	Yes					
Consent to urgent medical treatment	Yes					
Consent to routine immunisations e.g. HPV	Yes					
Consent to specific immunisations e.g. Swine Flu (if a care order is in place)		Yes				
Consent for Covid - 19 vaccination (if a care order is in place)		Yes				
Consent to planned operation/ongoing					Yes	

treatment that require general Anaesthetic including dental treatment						
Decision in relation to involvement in counselling or Therapeutic Intervention including educational psychologist assessments		Yes				

MAINSTREAM EDUCATION	Foster Parent / Connected Carer	Social Worker	Team Manager	Service Manager	Head of Service	Service Director
Choice and timing of child attending any type of education		Yes				
Non residential off site activities	Yes					
Educational residential trips of one night	Yes					
Educational residential trips of more than one night		Yes				
Liaison with school/attendance at school meetings/receipt of reports	Yes					
Choice and timing of child attending any type of education		Yes				
Non-residential off site activities	Yes					

NURSERY /PRE-SCHOOL	Foster Parent / Connected Carer	Social Worker	Team Manager	Service Manager	Head of Service	Service Director
Permission for a child in care to attend any nursery or pre-school provision		Yes				

RELIGION	Foster Parent / Connected Carer	Social Worker	Team Manager	Service Manager	Head of Service	Service Director
Involvement of child in regular religious activities	Yes					
Baptism or confirmation or child in particular	Birth Parent Only					

HOLIDAYS AND SOCIAL ACTIVITIES	Foster Parent / Connected Carer	Social Worker	Team Manager	Service Manager	Head of Service	Service Director
Consent to attendance at recognised children's social organisations e.g. Scouts, Cadets	Yes					
Consent to attendance at other children's social clubs	Yes					
One night stay with friend	Yes					
Extended stay with friend		Yes				
Decision to leave child in care of another responsible adult on a regular basis		Yes				
Agreement for child to take part in adventure activities with the foster family that would require consent	Yes					
Agreement for child to take part in activities that involve risk e.g. rock climbing, horse riding, water sports.		Yes				
Agreement for the child to take part in activities that		Yes				

involve extreme risk e.g. surfing, sky diving						
Application for passport			Yes			
Agreement to take child away from the placement for longer than a weekend		Yes				
Agreement to take child out of the country for no longer than 28 days				Yes		
Liaison with school/attendance at school meetings/receipt of reports	Yes					
Permission to take child out of school during term time – only agreed if part of child's care plan				Yes		

CONTACT	Foster Parent / Connected Carer	Social Worker	Team Manager	Service Manager	Head of Service	Service Director
Decision of contact arrangements with birth family over and above those already agreed as part of the child's care plan		Yes				
Decision in respect of contact arrangements with previous foster carers		Yes				

OTHER ISSUES	Foster Parent / Connected Carer	Social Worker	Team Manager	Service Manager	Head of Service	Service Director
Haircuts – if agreed by parent at Placement Planning	Yes					

the Foster Carer can arrange						
Child having a mobile phone		Yes				
Young person having access to age appropriate social media	Yes					
Child having ears pierced if they are subject to a full care order.		Yes				
Young person having other body piercings <i>Children under 16 can't legally consent to a genital (or in the case of girls, nipple) piercing, as it is considered to be indecent assault</i>		Yes				
Young person having tattoos	ILLEGAL	TILL	AGED	18		
Young Person involved in part-time employment		Yes				
Child image being used in Media e.g. newspaper/ TV where they are identified by their name.					Yes	
Childs image being used in Media e.g. newspaper / TV where they are not identified by their name.				Yes		

Provide details of any areas the standard agreement does not apply.

SIGNED	
<u>Social Worker</u>	

<u>Parent(s)</u>	
<u>Young Person</u>	
<u>Foster Parent / Connected Carer</u>	
<u>Supervising Social Worker</u>	