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Fostering Service Delegation of Authority Policy

This Freedom of Information request concerns the Trust's fostering service policy and processes associated with the delegation of authority to foster and kinship carers responsible for the care of looked after children.

Please provide:

A copy of the written Trust policy on delegation of authority to foster and kinship carers.

The Belfast Trust does not have a specific Policy pertaining to the delegation of authority to foster and Kinship carers. The Trust adheres to the Health, Social Services and Public safety, Guidance on Delegated Authority to Foster Carers in Northern Ireland, Circular CCPD 01/10, which was issued on 2 February 2010.

A copy of the most recent guidance/ communication provided to Trust social workers concerning the policy on delegation of authority to foster and kinship carers.

See attached Guidance as referenced above.

A copy of the most recent guidance/ communication provided to Trust foster carers and kinship carers concerning policy on delegation of authority to foster and kinship carers.

Attached is the Guidance referenced above. Explanation of and specific communication regarding this Guidance would take place within the Looked After Children's Review process.

A copy of the form used to detail and record the delegation of authority which the Trust and carers sign.

This is contained in the Appendix 2 of the Guidance

A copy of the most recent consultation/ evaluation with foster carers concerning the Trust policy on delegation of authority to foster and kinship carers.

There has been no consultation/ evaluation on the Trust Policy as stated above the Trust do not have a specific Policy but do adhere to Departmental Guidance on the matter.

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The date when the Trust policy on delegation of authority to foster and kinship carers was written.

Refer to point 1.

The date of the last review of the Trust policy on delegation of authority to foster and kinship carers.

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The date on which the next review of the Trust policy on delegation of authority to foster and kinship carers is due.

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The person(s) (role title) within the Trust who is responsible for monitoring, reviewing and updating the policy on delegation of authority to foster and kinship carers.

Refer to point 1