

# Safeguarding Privately Fostered Children

## Background

Private fostering is the term used when someone who is not a parent or a 'close relative' (e.g. great aunt, cousin, mum's friend or a neighbour) cares for a child or young person in their own home. The Local Authority has a duty to safeguard and promote the welfare of privately fostered children under the Children's Act 2004.

Many private foster carers and parents are not aware of their obligations and, as a result, many private fostering arrangements remain hidden, leaving the children who have been placed with them without the benefit of formal monitoring arrangements.

## Learning Objectives:

By the end of this training participants will:

- Recognise a Private Fostering Situation
- Understand the Local Authorities' duty towards privately fostered children
- Know how to notify a privately fostering arrangement

You can **book your place** using our [online booking form](#). Details of course fees and our cancellation policy can be viewed [here](#).

## Level 2

## FREE BRIEFING

### Facilitator:

Fostering, Adoption, Special Guardians & Children with Disabilities Service.  
London Borough of Redbridge

### ONLINE (free briefing)

Thursday 06/02/25

09:45	Registration
10:00	Start
11:30	Finish

