

Borough of Poole



Services Available to Looked After Children Placed in Poole by other Local Authorities

Poole Children's Services have produced this guidance to notify you about the resources and facilities available to any Looked After Child who may be placed in Poole by your another Local Authority.

It has been produced so staff from other Local Authorities can understand and access the universal services that are available to children and young people residing in Poole. It should also be made available to Foster Carers based in Poole so they are aware of the services available.

This tool will help staff to check that the placement is in Poole: <https://www.gov.uk/find-your-local-council>

In line with the 2014 amendments to the Care Planning Placement and Case Review (England) Regulations 2010, if you are planning to place a child from your Local Authority in Poole and it is a 'distant' placement, you should consult with us.

Key Contacts:

Name of Service	Email / Contact Details
Consultation about Placement / Notification of Placement	safeguardingchildren@poole.gcsx.gov.uk
Virtual School	Tammie Lewis Email: T.Lewis@poole.gov.uk Tel: 01202 262736
School Admissions Team	Email: school.admissions@poole.gov.uk Tel: 01202 261936
Specialist Nurse for Children in Care	Alison Vokins (Specialist Nurse) Sarah Allgood (Admin Assistant) cichealthteam@poole.gcsx.gov.uk Tel:01202 735946
Local Authority Designated Officer	safeguardingchildren@poole.gcsx.gov.uk Tel: 01202 714740
Police Safeguarding Referral Unit	sru@dorset.pnn.police.uk

More information about our services can be found on the Borough of Poole website:
www.poole.gov.uk
www.poolefamilyinformationdirectory.com

Pan-Dorset Multi-Agency Safeguarding Procedures are available at:
<http://pandorsetscb.proceduresonline.com/index.htm>

NOTIFICATIONS

All notifications of looked after children placed in Poole should be sent to the following address: safeguardingchildren@poole.gcsx.gov.uk. This address should also be used to:

- Report any change of address
- Notify us when children are leaving Poole
- Inform us if children have a child protection plan

When we receive this information, we will:

- Record on our Social Care Database
- Inform our Virtual School

EDUCATION

Schools

Details about schools in Poole (including individual schools, term dates and admissions) can be found in the Schools & Learning section of the Poole Family Information Directory: www.poolefamilyinformationdirectory.com

Admissions

The Poole Admissions team deal with applications for places in Poole schools and support parents and carers through the admissions process. They also provide information about admissions procedures, availability of places, admissions appeals and catchment areas.

The Admissions Team can be contacted in the following ways:

Email: school.admissions@poole.gov.uk
Phone: 01202 261936
Post: School Admissions
Children, Young People & Learning
Dolphin Centre
Poole
BH15 1SA

Admissions to a Special School

If you would like information on admission to a Special School, please contact the SEND Team:

Tel: 01202 262278
Email: SENDbso@poole.gov.uk

Special Educational Needs & Disability

Information regarding support for children with special educational needs and disabilities can be obtained from the SEND Team:

Email: SENDbso@poole.gov.uk

Virtual School

Our Virtual School works closely and in partnership with schools across Poole to improve educational outcomes for children who are looked after.

The Virtual School team offers training to Social Workers, Foster Carers, Designated Teachers and Governors.

The Virtual School Head in Poole is Tammie Lewis. Please contact the Virtual School Team in the following ways:

Email: T.Lewis@poole.gov.uk

Tel: 01202 262736

INFORMATION, ADVICE AND GUIDANCE

Care Leavers Team

The Pathways (or Care Leavers) team consists of a mix of Social Workers and Personal Advisors who work with looked after children aged 15+ and care leavers within the Borough of Poole. For more information on services offered by the team, please contact:

Email: CYPSC-PathwaysTeam&admin@poole.gov.uk

Tel: 01202 735046

Family Information Service (FIS)

For local childcare support and parenting information for 0 to 19 year olds, please use the Poole Family Information Directory (FID): www.poolefamilyinformationdirectory.com

Early Years Provision

2, 3 and 4 year old children who are looked after will be eligible for up to 15 hours of free early education funding. 3 and 4 year old children who are looked after are also eligible for the Early Years Pupil Premium through their own Local Authority.

Please contact the Sufficiency & Childcare team for further information and to help find a quality early education provider:

Tel: 01202 262274

Email: d.buckley@poole.gov.uk

For more information about our early years funding and early years provision, please go to the childcare page of the Poole Family Information Directory:

www.poolefamilyinformationdirectory.com

Children's Centres

Children's Centres provide a wide range of inclusive services to families with children under 5 years old, including universal 'drop in' sessions open to all and more targeted services which are 'invite only'.

Poole is home to six Children's Centres as well as various outreach venues in schools, all with the aim of reducing inequalities and improving outcomes for young children and their families. Our Children's Centres will offer a warm welcome to carers of children who are looked after.

If you would like to talk to someone about any of the services offered in Poole Children's Centres, please call your local centre where a member of staff will be happy to explain in more detail what the session involves and how to access it.

Contact details for all of Poole's Children's Centres can be found in the Poole Family Information Directory: www.poolefamilyinformationdirectory.com

HEALTH

Children in Care Health Team (CiCHT)

The Borough of Poole has a dedicated Children in Care Health Team who are happy to support the health needs of children and young people placed in Poole by other local authorities:

Alison Vokins (Specialist Nurse)
Sarah Allgood (Administrative Assistant)

Secure Email: cichealthteam@poole.gcsx.gov.uk
Tel: 01202 735946

LAC Health Assessments in Poole

The CiCHT team are able to complete Review Health Assessments under a Service Level Agreement. Please request this by sending the paperwork by secure email to the above GCSX email or by post (recorded delivery). CiCHT will then return the SLA for agreement.

The team can also provide some follow up health support, again subject to arranging an SLA.

Initial Health Assessments for children coming into care are completed by the child's GP.

Registering with a GP in Poole

To register a child with a Poole GP, Foster Carers will need to provide the following information:

- NHS Number
- Details of Previous GP
- Letter from Social Worker confirming Placement

CAMHS

The Poole Child Adolescent Mental Health Service (CAMHS) is a service that responds to the mental health needs of children, young people aged 0-18 years and their families or carers who require specialist mental health treatment and intervention. The Team is based at Poole Community Health Clinic, Shaftesbury Road. To find out more follow @PooleCamhs on twitter or visit the following webpage:

<http://www.wheresyourheadat.co.uk/>

Team Leader: Melissa Scott
Email: Melissa.Scott@dhuft.nhs.uk
Tel: 01202 584600

Children in Care Council

Poole's Children in Care Council ensures that young people's voices are recognised and listened to. Poole Kidz in Care (PKiC) are a group of young people aged 11+ who meet once a month to talk about the issues that matter to children in care and care leavers and enjoy a range of structured activities together. The Children in Care Council has a regular dialogue with Poole's Corporate Parenting Working Group.

For more information, please contact Aldina Taylor at Action for Children:

Phone: 01202 525643/520453
Mobile: 07590418135
Email: aldina.taylor@actionforchildren.org.uk

Adoption & Permanence

Poole's Adoption and Permanence team offers a range of support services to adoptive families including social work support, Psychologist consultations, social gatherings, support groups, training, children's groups and direct work with children.

For more information on the services offered by the team, please visit:

<http://www.poole.gov.uk/health-and-social-care/adoption/>

Or contact the team directly:

Post: Adoption and Permanence
Children & Young People's Social Care
14a Commercial Road, Poole
BH14 0JW
Email: adoption@poole.gov.uk
Tel: 01202 714711

The Youth Offending Service (YOS)

Poole has a joint YOS with Bournemouth Borough Council. To speak with our YOS team, please contact:

Tel: 01202 453939
Email: yosbusinesssupport@bournemouth.gov.uk

Out of Hours Services

The Out of Hours service provides emergency cover and access to essential Social Services outside of the normal office working hours and covers Poole, Bournemouth and Dorset.

Phone: 01202 657279

Email: C.OutofHoursEmergencyDutyTeam@poole.gov.uk

Local Authority Designated Officer (LADO)

If a child you have placed in Poole makes an allegation against a professional in Poole then the placing social work team should notify the Poole LADO, John McLaughlin, who will convene the strategy meeting.

Tel: 01202 714740

Email: safeguardingchildren@poole.gcsx.gov.uk

Missing, Exploited and Trafficked Children and Young People

Police Missing Persons Unit is based in the Dorset Police Safeguarding and Referral Unit. If the child to be placed in Poole is at risk of going missing, being involved in CSE or trafficking please share information with the SRU about their placement, risks and details.

Email: sru@dorset.pnn.police.uk

Referral and Assessment Team

Children's social Care referrals should be directed to:

Tel: 01202 735046

Email: childreferrals@poole.gov.uk

Advocacy, Independent Visiting & Mentoring Service

Our Advocacy Service for looked after children is managed by Action for Children Bournemouth and Poole. The service is designed to help children and young people in need of support, including children in care, participate in the decisions and services that affect their lives by speaking up for them and promoting their rights at meetings and reviews.

Please contact Ella Christopher, Senior Advocate, for more information on the advocacy services available in Poole:

Phone: 01202 525643

Email: bdpadvocacy@actionforchildren.org

We hope this information is a helpful guide to professional colleagues working with looked after children in Poole.