

Private Fostering

Information for Children and Young People



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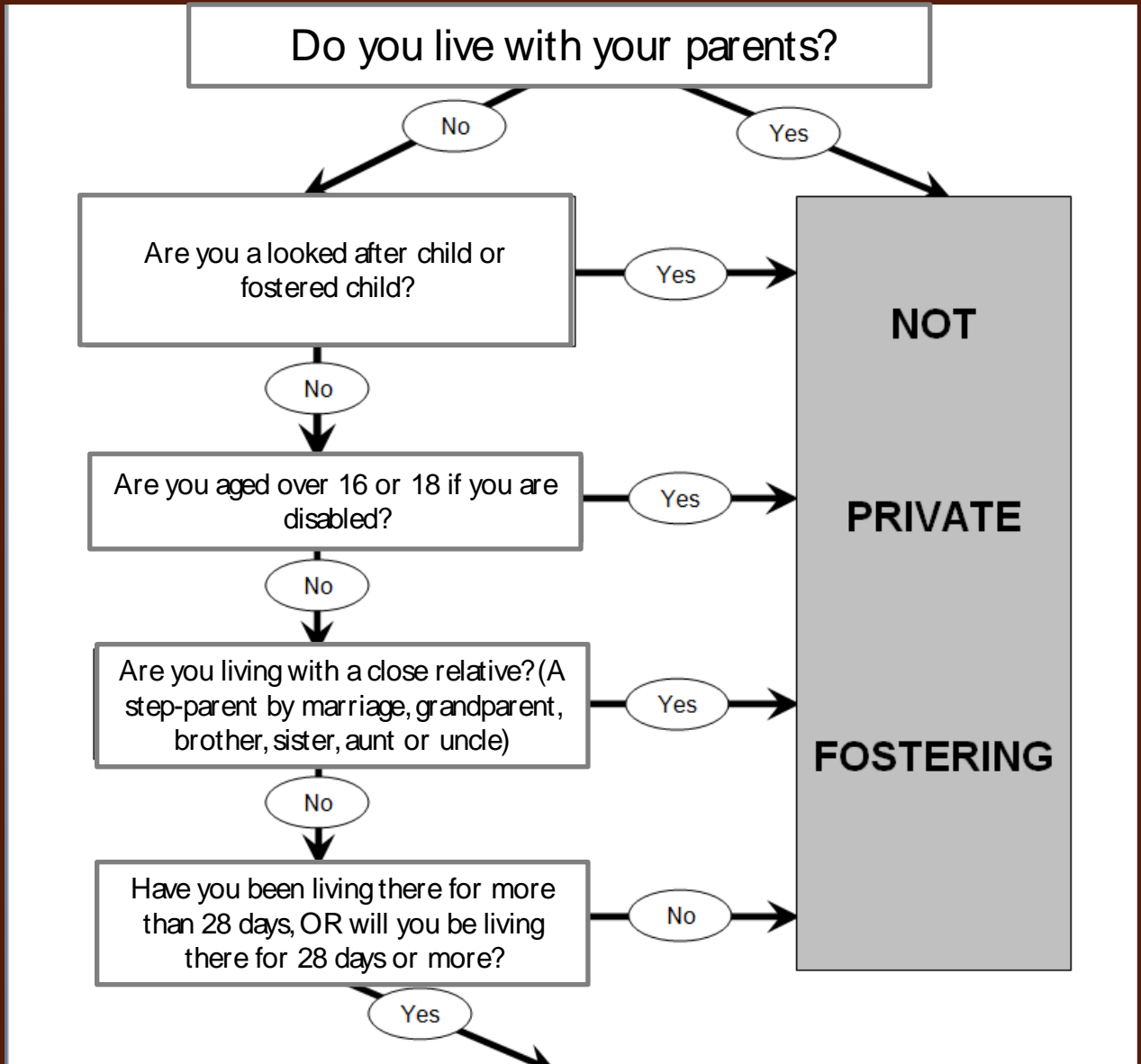
Private Fostering is where parents make arrangements for their child to live with somebody else (not a close relative) for 28 days or more.

If you answer YES to ALL of the following questions you might be privately fostered:

- Are you under 16 or under 18 if you have a disability?**
- Have you been living with somebody else who is not a close relative such as a cousin, great aunt, great uncle or a family friend?**
- Are you going to be living there for 28 days or more or have you already been living there for more than 28 days?**

Examples of situations when private fostering arrangements are made:

- ✓ **Parents working away from home**
- ✓ **Parents studying or working unsocial hours**
- ✓ **Illness**
- ✓ **Children from abroad who come to this country for education or health care**
- ✓ **Parental separation, divorce or arguments at home.**



THIS IS PROBABLY A PRIVATE FOSTERING ARRANGEMENT

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What to do:

If you are privately fostered your parents and your private foster carers have to let Children's Services know so they can make sure that you are well cared for and kept safe from harm.

You, your parents and private foster carers can ring Client Relations on:

01670 623 978

- The team will arrange for the relevant Children's Services team to contact you to arrange a visit with you and your private foster carers
- Talk with you about where you are living
- Let the private foster carers know about any support that might help them to look after you
- Keep in touch with your parents about the arrangements made for you.

For further information visit:

www.northumberland.gov.uk/private_fostering

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Should this document be required in a different language or a format suitable for people with sensory impairments the service will make arrangements to provide this.