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THE 2024 INDEPENDENT FOSTER CARERS SURVEY

Question 20 Additional Comments

I. INTRODUCTION

Welcome to The Independent Foster Carer's Survey 2024 powered by FosterWiki Ltd.

We appreciate all the Foster Carers/Carers' time in completing this survey as it is your voice that needs to be heard to help raise the outcomes for the children and young people we care for.

The survey was completed by current or carers who have left fostering in the last 5 years.

The question was as follows:

“Do you receive a copy of your supervision notes to sign off and retain a copy before your next supervision session, paper or online?”

2284 people answered this question and left 327 additional comment responses.



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2. ADDITIONAL COMMENTS

1. But if I did not chase this would not happen
2. This is raised at every forum we have and still we are left without them.
3. Online, never asked to sign.
4. Have had to ask for these. Got over 2 years at once. The. Last time 6 months at same time
5. Often these are behind or not uploaded for a long period of time
6. Mostly my SSW forgets and I get them much later.
7. Have to ask for them.
8. Only seen 1 in 2 years
9. Never
10. We do now but previously went nearly 2 years without
11. in 6 years I have never signed any supervision notes.
12. Not for years'
13. Usually every 6 months
14. Never seen them
15. I now get them at next meeting but this is the first lot in 7 years
16. Since changing our SSW we have had to chase for notes. We are not asked to sign them off
17. This happened when I asked once I got 6 but then never again. One social worker straight out said I do not do it like that I did not want to rock the boat
18. Sometimes they are a few months behind
19. Varies, can be up to 8m backlog
20. Rarely receive supervision notes
21. With my previous SSW, the notes never reflected the way she spoke to me
22. Always when on paper but SSW is being g forced to go online and she struggles with the system which doesn't seem fit for purpose so notes are now very late. I am kept in the loop though
23. We used to buy since our SW changed and now completes her notes on a laptop we do not
24. Never
25. They arrive in batches and are not factually correct
26. Used too many years ago. I did last summer get a copy as a new SSW, but it wasn't accurate & they wouldn't amend it!!!
27. Held on CHARMS. No copies were given.
28. Never had one since moved over to LA from IFA
29. It was over a year before my new SSW started this, previously no records were given.
30. No never seen them!
31. Never
32. And dare ask, an unfavourable look from SW and your request is swiftly forgotten
33. In 8 years never. And now I do as I ask for them as did not even know they were available.
34. Never seen them ever!
35. I was with the LA for 5 years and didn't receive one supervision note. When I went to higher management to ask. I was the problem. This is one of the reasons I transferred. When the nurse

arrived they were full of inaccuracies and copied/pasted!

36. SW is super and supportive and great at verbal communication however paperwork needs improvement. SW knows this however puts her foster carer support, meeting, talking, and ensuring all needs are met before paperwork. SW aware of this and admin would be useful

37. Depends on who the SSW is

38. I receive them every 3 months to review and sign off.

39. Only after I request them

40. never -always have to ask and then correct all the copy-and-paste mistakes

41. I do but not always within the 10 days specified.

42. The trouble is we have approximately 3 days to confirm notes are OK but, when you have a part-time SW you find it's been approved before they get back to work

43. Have to read carefully often not what I have said

44. I always receive these, but not always before the next supervision.

45. On the day or the day before

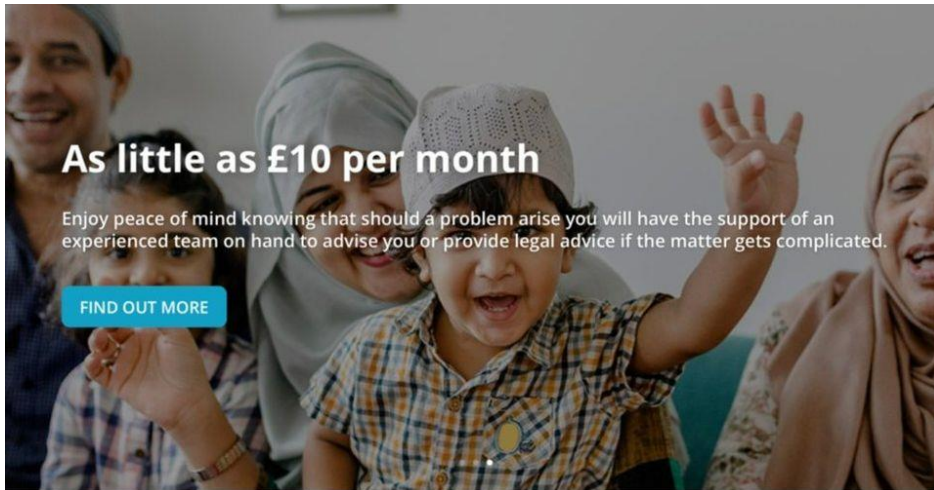
46. Can if I ask for them

47. I've never signed them, nor read them but hope and trust they're OK.

48. Have to read through often wrong, names information etc.

49. Hit and miss.

50. Never seen any notes in 11 years of fostering.



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