

## The Care Planning, Placement and Case Review (England) Regulations 2010.

### Care in Practice time limits: An Aide Memoire to Statutory duties.

#### Timescales for visits to Children in care.

As part of their arrangements for supervising the child's welfare the responsible authority must ensure that their representative visits the child in accordance with the regulation, wherever the child is living.

	Regulation	Timescales for visits		
<b>1</b>	Standard- The responsible Authority must ensure that their representative visits the child reg. 28(2) CPP&CR Regs.2010	Within 1 week of the start of any placement	At intervals of not more than 6 weeks for the 1 <sup>st</sup> year of placement.	Thereafter- when the placement is intended to last until the child is 18 and this has been formally agreed, at intervals of not more than 3 months
<b>2</b>	When a child is placed with parents before an assessment has been completed under reg. 19 (reg. 28(3) CPP&CR Regs. 2010 )	At least 1 visit a week until after the first review.	Subsequent visits must take place at intervals of not more than 4 weeks until the final care hearing.	Thereafter at intervals of not more than six weeks.
<b>3</b>	When a child is placed under temporary approval of a relative , friend or person connected with the child under reg. 24 (reg. 28(4) CPP&CR Regs 2010 )	At least once a week until the first review is completed.	Thereafter at intervals of 4 weeks maximum until the carer is approved.	Thereafter at intervals of not more than six weeks.
<b>4</b>	When an interim care order has been made in relation to the child under s 38 and the child is living with parents (reg. 28(4) CPP&CR Regs. 2010)	At least once a week until the first review is completed	Thereafter at intervals of 4 weeks maximum	
<b>5</b>	When a child is made subject of a Care Order under s 31 and is living with their parents (reg. 28(5) (a) and (b) CPP&CR Regs. 2010)	Within 1 week of the making of the care order.	Thereafter at intervals of not more than 6 weeks.	
<b>6</b>	When a child is subject of a Care Order and another person is responsible for the accommodation under which the child is living for the time being e.g. YOI (reg. 28 (6) (a) (b) (c) CPP&CR Regs. 2010)	Within 1 week of the start of the child's living arrangements.  Within 1 week of any change to the child's living arrangements	At intervals of not more than 6 weeks for the first year.	Thereafter at intervals of not more than three months.

7	When a child is in short break arrangements under reg 48 (2) (a) (b) (c) CPP&CR Regs. 2010) (reg. 48 (3(c) ) CPP&CR Regs. 2010)	Visit on the days the child is actually placed and within three months of the start of the placement	Thereafter at intervals to be agreed with the IRO and the child's parents and recorded in the child's care plan but not more than six months.	
8	In addition to visits in accordance with reg. 28 paragraphs (2) to (6) the responsible authority must ensure that the child is visited whenever reasonable requested by the child, the carer or parent or the person responsible for the child's living arrangements.			
9	On first receiving notification under s. 30A Care Standards Act 2000 re a children's home in which a child is placed reg 28 (7) (b) CPP&CR Regs. 2010)	Within 1 week of notification.		
10	If accommodation is provided under s. 23B (duties to relevant child) or s. 24B (vacation from college) (reg. 8 (2) Care Leavers Regs 2010.	Within 7 days of accommodation being provided	Subsequently before pathway plan is reviewed.	At intervals not exceeding 2 months.
11	<b>Conduct of visits. Reg. 29 (a) (b) and (c)</b> On each visit the child should be spoken to in private unless the child is of sufficient age and understanding and refuses, it is considered by the LA would be inappropriate to do so having regard to the child's age and understanding or are unable to do so.			
12	<b>Consequence of visits</b> If as a result of a visit the assessment is that the child's welfare is not adequately safeguarded and promoted by the placement the LA must review the child's case.			
13	<b>Advice, support and assistance for the child.</b> When making arrangements for advice support and assistance to be available to the child between visits the LA must ensure that the arrangements are appropriate to the child's age and understanding and give due consideration to the Childs religious racial cultural and linguistic background and any disability the child may have and the child knows how to seek appropriate advice, support and assistance from them.			