



Pathways Through Fostering Safer Caring

activity sheet

It is recommended that the supervising social worker work through the questions below with the foster carer once they have read *Pathways Through Fostering – Safer Caring*. The questions will pull out the knowledge in the book that will help evidence the *Training Support and Development (TSD) Standards for Foster Care*.

It is recommended that the supervising social worker makes a note of the foster carer's response to the questions below, rather than just giving them the sheet to fill in. This is to ensure that there is a discussion about the book and the issues it has raised. The social worker should then be able to draw out any issues that arise and discuss any concerns the foster carer may have.

The circles in the answer box reference the *TSD Standards* covered. There is an appendix which indicates the main areas in which each of the standards below is covered. You can download a copy of this from www.fosteringresources.co.uk

What do you understand by the term safer caring?

How might previous abuse affect the needs of children and young people you are fostering?

5.6c
6.3c

Why is record keeping so important in relation to safer caring?

4.5a

What should you record daily to help protect yourself and your family from allegations?

4.5c

How could you create a 'safer' environment for fostered children and young people?

6.2b

6.3a

How can you help fostered children and young people keep themselves safe from harm or abuse?

6.2c

**What is the safer caring policy in your household?
(Attach a copy as evidence)**

6.2d
7.1a

How can you work with other members of the foster care team to implement safer caring policies?

2.4a

Is there any additional training or support you would like to help you with any issues surrounding safer caring?

7.4a