# Where threats are made against foster carers

1. **Introduction**

All threats made by anyone to a foster carer must be reported to their supervising social worker. Supervising social workers and foster carers should jointly assess the risk. Frequently threats or abuse whilst completely unacceptable, are a reaction to a difficult situation.

Consideration should be given to previous offences, violent incidents and any other risk factors.

If either the foster carer or supervising social worker view there are significant risks to the carer, any immediate protective action must be taken and a foster carer risk management meeting called.

1. **Foster carer risk management meeting**

The meeting must be chaired by a Fostering Service Manager and they are responsible for the minutes. All social workers of children in placement should attend the meeting, and where necessary the Police or other agencies. The meeting should address the following issues:

* Introductions
* Circumstances leading to the meeting
* Background information concerning individuals who may pose a risk
* Risk analysis
* Action Plan
* Review date (if required)

The minutes of the above meeting must be sent to the foster carer, all attendees, social workers, team manager and Head of Social Work Resources.