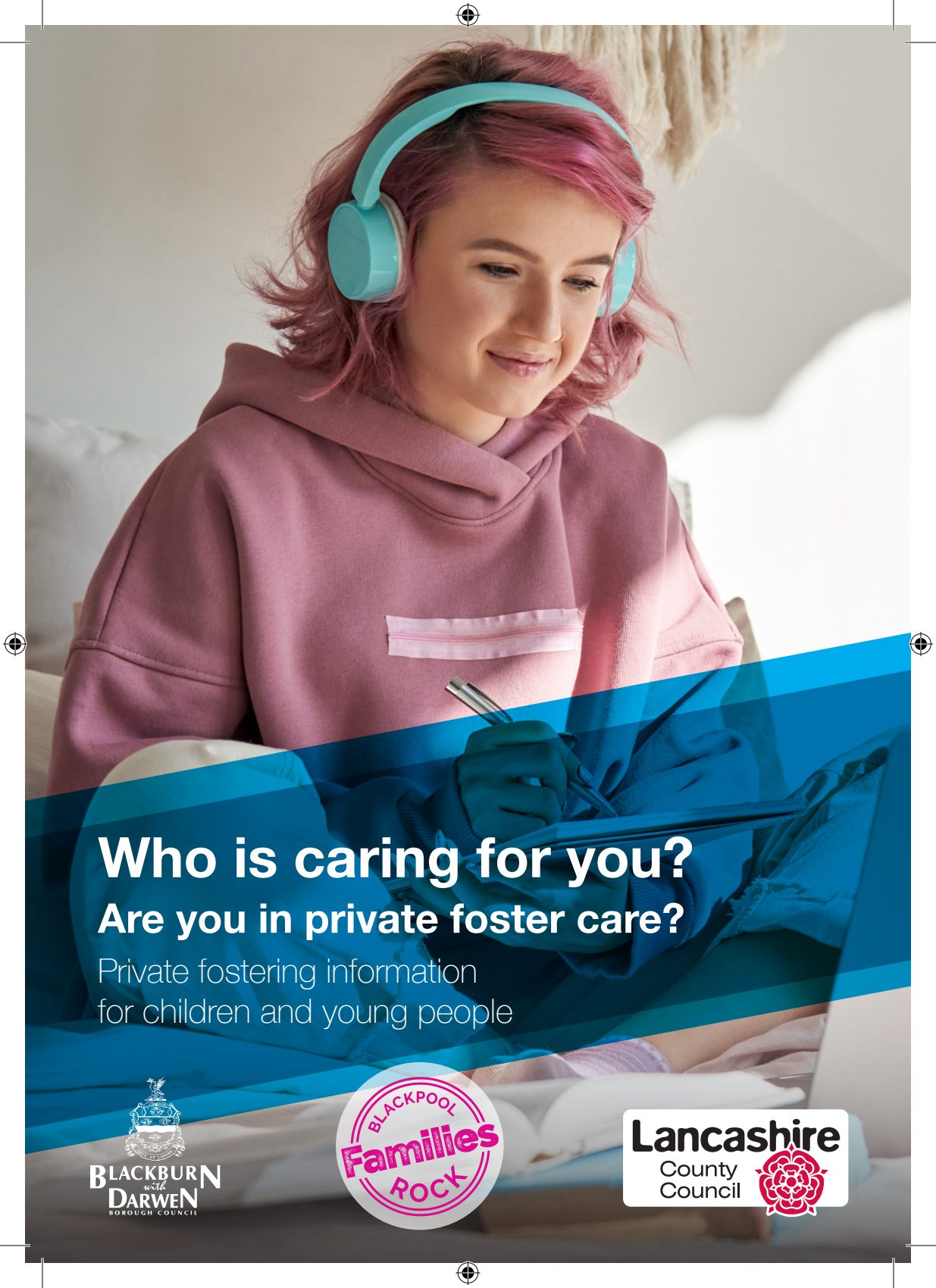




Who is caring for you? Are you in private foster care?

Private fostering information
for children and young people





Who are you living with?

Are you living with someone who is not a close relative, meaning they're not a grandparent, brother, sister, aunt, uncle, legal guardian or other person with parental responsibility?
Are you under 16 years old (or 18 if you are disabled)?

Are you going to be living there for 28 days or more?

If you have said yes to these questions, then you are living in what is called a private fostering arrangement.

Your mum, dad or guardian may not know that this is a private fostering arrangement.

Private fostering happens when a family friend or someone who is not a close relative of your family is caring for you.

If however, you are cared for by a close family member or person with parental

position, then that is not private fostering.

Why does Private Fostering happen?

There are lots of reasons why your mum, dad or guardian might need to ask someone they trust to look after you. It can be different for everyone

The person who they ask to care for you might not be a close relative. It may be a friend of theirs or a distant relative who they know and is someone they trust. Remember that your mum, dad or guardian will not usually do this without a great deal of thought.

It is very important that you, your mum, dad or guardian have talked to you about why they want someone to look after you, and how they are going to make sure you go to school and stay healthy.

If you are part of a private fostering arrangement, and you want to ask a question or get some advice, you can call Lancashire County Council - **0300 123 6720**
Blackpool Council - **01253 477299** Blackburn with Darwen Council - **01254 666400**