

In England, kinship care is an informal arrangement between relatives and long-term (2 years or more) friends.

In Scotland Kinship Care of children is a statutory order obligating Social Services to support the nearest suitable friends and relatives offering to care for a child.

Your 'kin' simply pledge to care for you or your family, in the event of a crisis.

For many years and in most Local Authorities today kinship care agreements prevent children falling into the hands of unrelated strangers.

Unfortunately,

- 1) Young children in Social Services Care, are auctioned, eBay-style on adoption agency web sites
- 2) Older children are placed in Care Homes for emotionally damaged, mentally ill children costing Central Government several £hundreds per week
- 3) Their personal and private information can be shared with sex offenders; 95% of grooming gang victims for example, were in Social Services Care (Operation Green Jacket, Greater Manchester Police, 2020)

The solution is a Kinship Care agreement to support the parents in need of advice, or to comfort them through any routine difficulties or non-critical events. This means that Social Workers cannot threaten to investigate your 'Kin' because they are not offering to care for your children. You would be well advised to keep your kin's names and contact information private and only shared with a judge

