

HOMESTAY HOST CHILD PROTECTION DECLARATION

Children from overseas are often at their most vulnerable, being far from their families and familiar environments. This vulnerability may be heightened if their level of English is low, making it difficult for them to express themselves.

To ensure the highest standards of care, extra checks are in place to safeguard children from harm. These checks are required by law and are no reflection on you as a host, but are designed to protect those in your care.

Guidelines for Hosts

- All household members aged 18+ must hold a valid **enhanced Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS)** check in England and Wales, or are a member of **Protecting Vulnerable Groups (PVG)** in Scotland.
- Please provide PLUS with your DBS/PVG certificate number for our records. Certificates provided from other organisations must be dated within the last 3 months.
- You are required to upload your DBS/PVG certificate to your PLUS dashboard for verification.

Declaration

Please answer the following questions truthfully. If you answer 'Yes' to any question, provide full details of this. This declaration must be completed and signed by all household members aged 18 or over.

1. Criminal Offences:

Have you, or anyone residing in your household, ever been convicted of any criminal offences involving:

- Violence (including physical abuse against children/young people)?
- Offences of a sexual nature?
- Neglect of children?
- Dangerous or careless driving, or driving under the influence of alcohol or drugs?

Yes / No

2. Child Protection Measures:

Under the Disqualification for Caring for Children Regulations 1991, have you, or anyone residing in your household, ever had a child removed or placed under supervision by a local authority?

Yes / No

3. Sex Offenders Register:

Have you, or anyone residing in your household, ever been placed on the Sex Offenders Register?

Yes / No

4. Mental Health Concerns:

Do you, or anyone residing in your household, currently suffer from or have a history of mental health conditions that could impair your ability to care for children or young people?

Yes / No

5. Serious Illness or Disability:

Do you, or anyone residing in your household, suffer from a serious illness, disability, or nervous disorder that could impact your ability to safeguard children?

Yes / No

If you have answered 'yes' to any of the above questions, please provide details here:

Confirmation

By signing this declaration, you confirm that the information provided is accurate and truthful. You also confirm that no person in your household is restricted from hosting children under safeguarding regulations.

This declaration must be signed by all household members aged 18 or over.

Full name	Signature	Date

Data Protection

PLUS Ltd is fully GDPR compliant. The information provided in this form will be used solely for safeguarding and operational purposes. All data is stored securely and will only be shared with relevant authorities if required by law. For more details on our data protection practices, please refer to the PLUS Privacy Policy.