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Top ten tips for social workers working with Ukrainian children living in kinship arrangements in England

1. Understand the legal framework that enables Ukrainian children to travel to the UK without a parent or legal guardian.
2. Be clear about what steps parents, sponsors and the local authority need to take if a child travels alone under the Homes for Ukraine scheme.
3. Establish who has parental responsibility for the child.
4. Understand your duties as a social worker for a Ukrainian child in need or in need of protection.
5. Apply the private fostering framework if a Ukrainian child is living without a parent or legal guardian.
6. Provide targeted kinship support to a Ukrainian child living in kinship care.
7. Understand your responsibilities if a sponsorship or kinship arrangement breaks down.
8. Signpost children, young people and their families to organisations who can provide legal advice.
9. Signpost children, young people and their families to organisations who can provide information, advice and emotional support.
10. Ensure the child and their carers are in receipt of any eligible benefits.

