Long term fostering process flowchart **Permanency Planning Meeting** Attended by the Fostering Team, Care Plan decision is long term fostering Child's Social Worker, current foster carers and/or family finder if available Ratified at CLA review Referral form completed and sent to Fostering Team. A profile on the child is also returned as part of the referral form Needs meeting can be held to gain additional All possible ininformation on the child if house options Family Finder circulates profile to Fostering Team required explored at this point before proceeding Convene planning meeting to consider other advertised options. Marketing & Recruitment Officer In-house carers No proposed? Yes This is chaired by Fostering and attended by Is the child in an IFA Supervising Social Worker, placement already Child's Social Worker, and Carers profile shared with any other relevant workers Child's Social Worker e.g. Education Advisors No Yes Public advertising If interested, Social Worker can meet Carers with Supervising Social Worker and/or Family Finder, specifically for a Are Carers able to meet and carers receive profile of children to consider family their needs potentially? If Carers and Social Worker feel positive about Public inquiries Yes match then a matching meeting is held. The received current Carers attend to supply the 'needs of the child' section (they would not remain in the meeting whilst the professionals consider match of Want to become Bedford No proposed Carers) **Borough Carers?** Initial visits Match and Support Plan confirmed completed by Yes recruitment team No Proposed Carers require long term medical. Supervising Social Worker needs to complete Protocol meeting **BAP** agreement short term to long term review which will be held - chaired by needed presented to Fostering Panel. recruitment team Consideration of suitability by Child's Social Worker and Fostering & Child's Social Worker completed CPR Recruitment **Fostering Social** and contributes to relevant section in Yes Child's Social Worker assesses Carers review paperwork Worker is of a view as specific long they are suitable term carers Matching meeting Supervising Social Worker books Panel date Matching meeting Assessment and training for the Carer by Fostering Team completed in parallel Panel date booked Child's Social Worker, Supervising Social Worker and proposed Carer attend Panel Paperwork submitted to Panel as per guidance Panel makes recommendation to Agency Decision Maker (ADM) ADM agrees recommendation