**Pre- matching Stage**

**Date of meeting:**

**Present:**

**Name of Child: (siblings should have individual form competed)**

**Date of Birth:**

**ICS number:**

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| **AREAS OF NEED** | **CHILD’S NEEDS** |
| **Brief Physical description** |  |
| **Impact of experiences and personality/temperament.**  *Personality, Emotional needs, separation and loss issues, and how many placements has the child experienced? Attachment issues? Any sexualised behaviour? Any behavioural concerns?*  *Could the child manage living in a home with other children?*  *Do they need a one parent or two parent family? Why?*  *Any issues with Pets?*  *Could the child be parented by a same sex couple? If not, why not?* |  |
| **Geography**  *Where is the child placed? Where do birth family reside? Any other known areas to avoid? Risk factors?* |  |
| **Medical needs**  Any developmental issues? Speech and language?  Any genetic conditions known within the birth family? What is the level of risk for adopters to consider? Foetal alcohol syndrome? Did birth mother drink or use drugs in pregnancy? Impact upon child? Any current medical conditions for child and parent? Is there any impact on parents medical history for the child? Eg: mental health issues?  Blood borne infections- Hep B, C HIV? Risk? Is the child involved with any medical services now or in the past? Is there additional medical reports that can be provided to adopters in respect of the child and birth parents? What was the date of the child’s last health assessment? Any recommendations? |  |
| **Identity**  *Ethnicity, Culture, language*  *What’s the Agency position re consideration to change child’s forename?* |  |
| **Religion – practising or not**  *Birth parent views on religion for child once placed for adoption* |  |
| **Legal Issues**  What’s the legal status of the child? What is the date for the Final Hearing and what Orders being sought? Is there any contesting anticipated?  Is a Criminal Injuries Compensation Award appropriate?  Are there any expert reports that require Court Permission to share with adopters?  Has paternity been established via DNA?  If any issues have the Declaration of Parentage been completed?  Is the birth certificate on file?  Has fostering to adopt placement been considered for this child? |  |
| **Educational Needs**  *Does the child attend school and or nursery? Any reports from education that can be shared? Date of last PEP – what does this say?*  *Does the child have any additional educational needs? Are they subject to a Health and Education Plan?*  *Are there any known educational needs for the birth parents? Any learning difficulties/disability within the birth family?* |  |
| **Background –impact of loss/trauma**  *Why has the Child become looked after? – Neglect, physical abuse, sexual abuse etc.*  *Experience of child prior to foster care*  *Experiences of the child within foster care*  *Impact of trauma upon the child*  *What is the impact of the child’s early experiences on their emotional wellbeing now and in the future?* |  |
| **Contact**  *What contact plan does the child currently have? Quality of contact currently experienced? What is the plan to reduce contact? What is the plan for contact once child is placed for adoption and why?.* |  |
| **Sibling relationship if to be placed together**  Has a sibling assessment been completed? Has the child any other siblings already placed for  adoption? Have the adopters been made aware and approached? If siblings are to be placed together for adoption but are currently in separate placements, how is this to be managed  If the child has siblings placed elsewhere are the children aware of each other? |  |
| **Finances**  *Does the child meet the criteria for an Adoption Allowance? If so why (please check Cumbria’s policy) Has the payment of an Adoption Allowance been agreed by the Service Manager?* |  |
| **Child’s wishes and feelings re family type and views if known** |  |
| **Birth family views and feeling re family type**  *If not known at this stage, what is the plan to address this? If wishes have been expressed what weight is to be given to these views.* |  |
| **Is a birth family meeting assessed as appropriate and why?**  *Which birth family members are proposed to meet with adopters? What stage of the process is this meeting planned to take place?* |  |
| **Views of foster carers re type of family**  *If wishes have been expressed what weight is to be given to these views.* |  |
| **Views of significant others**  State whose views been gathered and what weight is to be given to these views. |  |
| **Special Interests/hobbies** |  |
| **Post Adoption support issues**  *Is it likely any specialised post adoption support services required? Please specify and why* |  |
| **Preparation of the child**  *What is the child’s understanding of their situation? How ready is the child to move on to adoption? What work is planned to prepare them to move on to adoption?*  *Is the life story book complete?*  *If not, when will it be?*  *Is a life appreciation day planned? When?* |  |

**Summary:** From the information gathered about the child’s needs, what does this indicate in terms of the type of adoptive placement that is required? Will this be a child who is hard to place? Will the child’s needs be met with in house adopters?

Now complete the Family Finding Plan ( see attached)

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| **FAMILY FINDING PLAN** | **ACTIONS AND OUTCOMES** |
| Date Child’s profile to be completed? And by whom? |  |
| Does the CPR require updating? Date to be completed and by whom? |  |
| Based on the child’s identified needs and available adopters, can family finding commence by considering in house adopters?  Date of first tracking meeting where child’s needs are to be considered and outcome? |  |
| Based on the child’s identified needs does a referral need to be made to NAR to commence actively seeking a proposed match?  Date of referral to NAR and by whom?  How often will searches take place?    Date of Service Manager permission to seek match with outside Agency |  |
| Based on the child’s identified needs does a referral need to be made to NAR to commence actively seeking a proposed match? |  |
| Based on the child’s identified needs is it appropriate to consider Activity Days and Exchange Events and advertising ( e.g. Be My Parent) |  |

**Date of Review of Family Finding Plan:**