

Proposed Support Plan for Foster Carer(s): [INSERT NAMES]

Name of worker completing support plan:

Date support plan completed:

Date support plan to be reviewed:

Identified Need	Action Required	By Whom	Timescale for delivery and review date	Planned outcome of intervention – What does ‘good’ look like?
Training for foster carer(s)	<p><i>Are there any mandatory training courses outstanding?</i></p> <p><i>List any specific courses or training opportunities that would be useful:</i></p> <p><i>Any tailored support/sessions eg therapeutic parenting session/Stronger Families service?</i></p> <p><i>Access to foster carer support groups?</i></p> <p><i>Are there any barriers to accessing training/development opportunities? What support is in place to address the barriers?</i></p> <p><i>Allegation training/support?</i></p>			

Communication with foster carer(s)	<p><i>What is the visiting patterns by SSW and CSW?</i></p> <p><i>Are increased visits needed?</i></p> <p><i>What communication from SSW is planned in between visits? Regular telephone calls etc?</i></p> <p><i>What are the expectations of communication from foster carer eg reporting of incidents?</i></p>			
Additional robust support	<p><i>Any additional support measures or services that may be required for the foster carer:</i></p> <p><i>Examples could be:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <i>Foster carer mentor</i> - <i>Therapeutic support (eg 1:1 therapeutic parenting support)</i> - <i>Stronger Families input</i> - <i>Safety plan / risk assessments</i> - <i>Foster home stability meetings</i> - <i>Professionals meetings</i> - <i>Joint working (multiple SSWs)</i> - <i>Independent support eg. FosterTalk</i> - <i>Support with completing foster carer logs</i> 			
Emotional well-being support	<p><i>For children and/or foster carers:</i></p> <p><i>Examples could be:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <i>Action for children consultations/CAMHS</i> - <i>Nurture groups/ELSA in school</i> - <i>Domestic abuse support eg Crossroads</i> - <i>Pastoral support in school</i> - <i>Counselling services (FosterTalk, DCC, GP)</i> - <i>Self-care discussions with foster carer</i> 			

Support care for foster carer(s)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Has any support care been identified within support network?</i> • <i>Has support carer assessment(s) been completed?</i> • <i>Where there is no one available within support network – has short breaks with other foster carers been considered?</i> • <i>How frequently is short break care required?</i> 			
Family time support	<p><i>Are there any challenges around family time that need additional support?</i></p> <p><i>Examples could be:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <i>Written agreements with all parties</i> - <i>Support with supervising family time</i> - <i>Support with transport to/from family time</i> - <i>Provisions in place for hand over/managing any challenging dynamics.</i> - <i>Arrangements for managing any telephone family time</i> 			
Education Support	<p><i>Are there any additional support needs surrounding education:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <i>What is in place in school?</i> - <i>Who is the main point of contact in school?</i> - <i>Are Virtual School providing any additional input?</i> 			

Has the support plan been shared with the carers?

Date shared / by whom:

Comments from the carer(s) on the proposed support plan:

Foster Carer Name(s):

Signature:

Date:

Child Social Worker Name(s):

Signature(s):

Date:

Supervising Social Worker Name:

Signature(s):

Date: