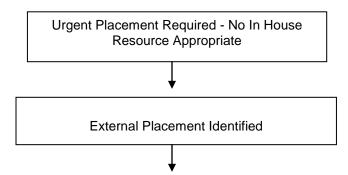**FLOWCHART 3 GATESHEAD COUNCIL'S EMERGENCY OUT OF AUTHORITY PLACEMENT FLOWCHART**

*NOTE Statutory Guidance 2014 states that approval of the **Service Director (Director of Children's services)** or **Nominated Officer** is not required where the placement is with the Parent/a Connected Person or a Foster Carer approved by Gateshead Council.

Urgent Placement Required - No In House Resource Appropriate

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External Placement Identified

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Service Director (if a distant placement) or Nominated Officer (if a neighouring authority) grants permission to place on an emergency basis following establishing the following:

- Child's wishes and feelings have been ascertained and taken into account.

- The placement is the most appropriate placement available consistent with the Care Plan.

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Notification form Appendix 2 completed and forwarded to the relevant Local Authority by the Social Worker's Business Admin Support Worker, e mail copy to Business Support Fostering-FAO Administrative Co-ordinator

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Following is undertaken within a 5 working day period (if child is planned to remain):

- Area authority where the YP is placed is consulted & confirmed as per Flowchart on planned placements with a Care Plan provided.

- Consultation is undertaken with YP and relatives.

- IRO is informed for their perspectives.

- Health/Education is consulted with in the area the Child is placed should the Child be intended to remain there and the Police as appropriate.

- In the event of a Children's home the location assessment accessed and the SP and F.

- Further consultation with line management, provider management and **Service Director/Nominated Officer**.

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Decision must be made following the five day period concerning whether placement to continue from the information/consultation during this period. **Service Director/Nominated Officer**, as appropriate must be in agreement with the decision for the Child/Young Person to remain. Note notifications and process to follow to Key Agencies as per Planned Placements which includes template in Appendix 2. Business Support Fostering Admin Co-ordinator to be notified via e mail.