

## Foster For Adopt Procedures

### Legal Gateway Meeting / Decision Making Meeting

- Reviews all assessments & recommends plan of FfA.
- Meeting weighs up suitability of FfA, including how far (or not) the child's needs can be predicted and therefore how suitable they are for matching with a prospective adopter.
- DMM should also consider family genogram and whether there are any other family assessments for completion.
- As outcome of DMM, if family have not already been advised of proposed plan then they should be told and views obtained.
- Arrangements should also be made at this point to notify birth family legal representatives.
- IRO views should be gathered within the meeting and preferably the Guardians before or immediately after (where there is one).

**NB. If child is unborn, approval for FfA should be sought pre-birth, however this is a decision in principle only & will only be ratified following a second, post birth meeting with the ADM.**



**Referral to Adopt North East & Adoption Referral Meeting held**  
~ provisionally book ADM

This includes an anonymised profile of the child that will be given to any prospective adopters

**Obtain Prospective Adopters Reports and decide preference.**

**Note – pay attention to their approval status, ensure that they have been assessed & therefore trained for foster for adopt.**



**Child SW, Adoption SW & FfA carers all agree to proceed, documents to be drafted to go to ADM**

**Early Permanence Matching Meeting**  
with proposed FfA carers, child's SW and adoption SW.  
Carers need to be advised that at this stage the plan is only proposed and requires ADM approval.



### Reports to ADM for temporary approval of adopters as foster carers under Reg 25A two days prior to ADM meeting

This should include:

- Fostering to adopt SW report – either draft CPR or ANE Early Permanence Placement Matching Report
- Team manager quality assurance report
- Child's last medical
- adopters PAR, panel approval minutes
- parenting assessment

*It is preferable that CPRs are produced alongside this report. It is acknowledged that in many circumstances this may not be possible. Where there is an older sibling, please locate and provide their CPR to the ADM in addition to this document.*



**Meet ADM – note if child is unborn a further meeting with ADM is required as soon as is realistically possible post birth**

This is to include;

- Any relevant or updated health information for child,
- Views of birth family & position re any additional assessments
- Any other changes that may impinge the proposed foster for adopt plan

**Notification of ADM approval for FfA sent to Adopt North East & carers. Fostering link worker allocated.**

*This notification is a decision in principle only if the child is unborn.*



**Decision Making Meeting when assessments complete**

**First LAC Review**

**Accommodation with duly approved carer**

**Placement Planning Meeting**



### ADM Meeting re plan of adoption

This should include:

- CPR (inclusive of genogram)
- Child's last completed medical
- Parenting assessment
- Team manager quality assurance report

**Final Evidence / Care Plan and Final Hearing (Placement Orders) Orders made**

**Matching Panel**

**ADM re Match**

**Annex A / Adoption Order to be submitted**

**10 weeks**

**Adoption Review**

