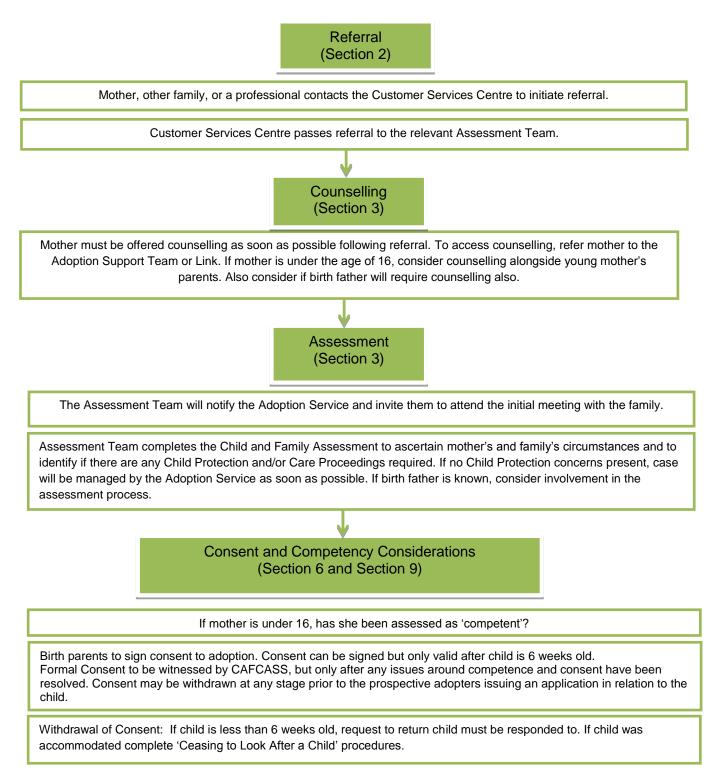


## Relinquished Children Flowchart

## See Procedure For More Detailed Information About Each Process.



## Local Authority Decision (Section 7)

Following counselling with parents, if adoption is still the plan, a decision should be made to proceed to the Adoption Panel for child to be considered for adoption as a relinquished child.



Decision should be made as to the point at which the child should be accommodated whilst considering impact of developing attachment.

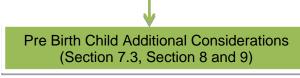
Mother and father should be asked to complete the Child Permanency Report and ensure any formal consent has been witnessed by a CAFCASS Officer once the child is at least 6 weeks old.

If child is still in hospital, social worker should visit as soon as possible to discuss plans and obtain information (e.g. photos, baby's name, etc.) and provide BAAF Mother and Baby Form. Ensure mother (and father) register birth, obtain fill birth certificate, NHS card to be given to the social worker and arrange for a full adoption medical.

For birth fathers with PR, ensure they are included, provide consent and are given the Information for Parents of a Child or Children Who Are to be Adopted and sign agreement for placement.

Consideration should also be made for grandparents and other family expressing interest in caring for the child and/or being accessible to the child in the future.

Once the decision maker has made decision that child should be placed for adoption and Agreement Form (CSF3972) has been signed the child may be placed for adoption. (See Section 7.2 in the procedure for further details).



• For expectant mothers: Pre – birth requests for adoption should follow the same assessment and counselling process as a child already born.

• Foster to Adopt placement may be sought in preparation, if appropriate Social Worker should meet with mother as soon as possible to discuss arrangements (e.g. mother to care for child or request separation, etc.).



Once consent has been signed, practitioner should proceed to the Adoption Panel and inform CAFCASS