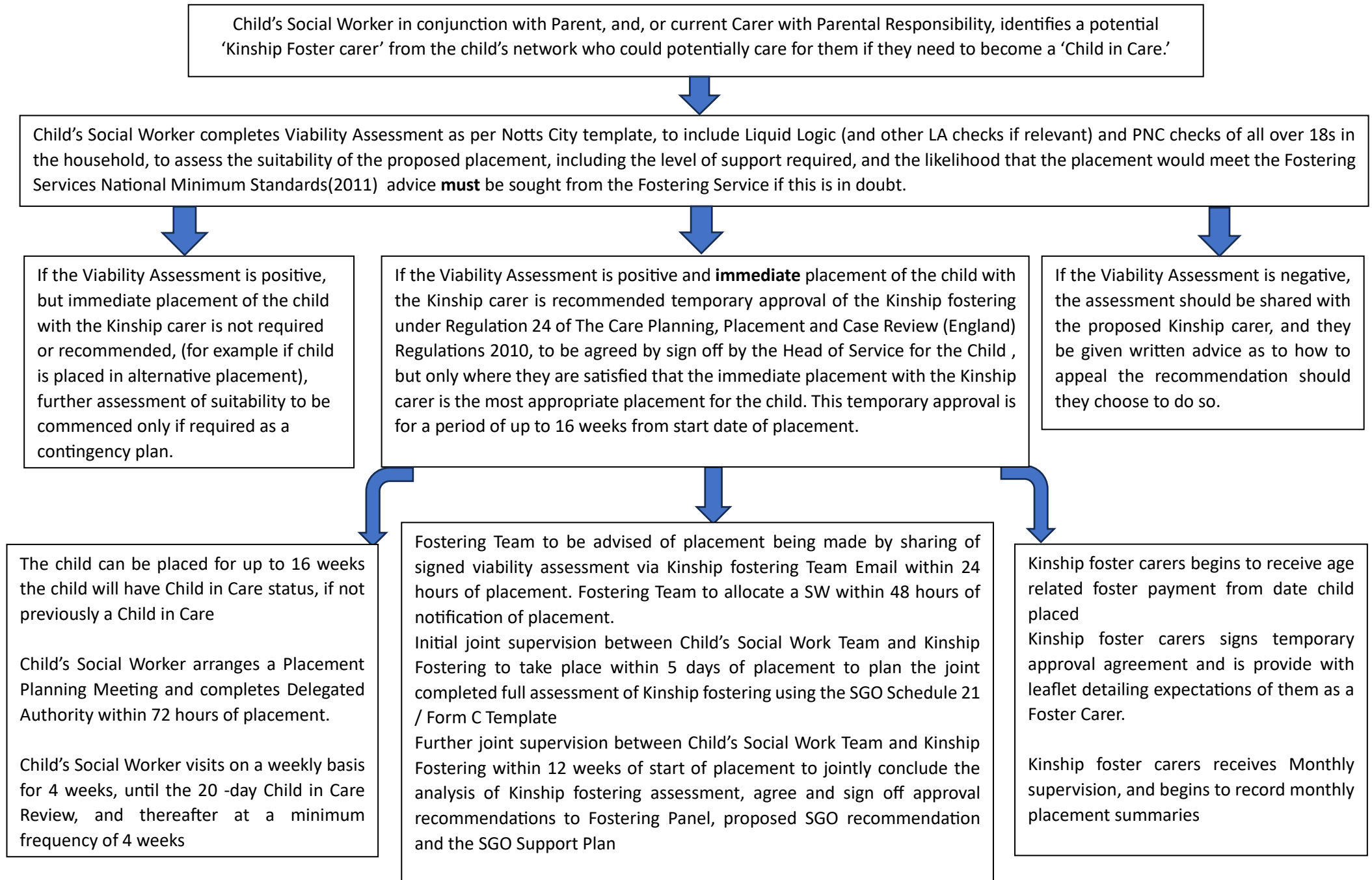


## Flow Chart for Placement of a Child with a "Kinship Carer" who is a relative, friend or other person connected with the child by a pre - existing relationship





Case heard at Fostering Panel within 16 weeks of start date of placement to consider their ongoing suitability to be approved as Kinship foster Carers for the named child in their care.

The case is jointed presented to Fostering Panel by both the Kinship Social Worker and the Child's Social Worker.

The recommendations of the Fostering Panel with regards ongoing approval of Kinship carers as foster carers are provided to the Agency Decision Maker for ratification.

If approval is not recommended the Child's Social Work team to seek legal advice with regards the ongoing future of the placement and placing the matter before the Courts to consider alternative Orders.

Applicants can have the decision considered by the Independent Review Mechanism who can make recommendations to the ADM about fostering approvals, but cannot overturn the original decision.



If the joint supervision at 12 weeks identifies exceptional circumstances as to why a recommendation to Fostering Panel cannot be made within the 16 week timescale, an extension of up to 8 weeks to the temporary approval is to be requested from Fostering Panel under Regulation 25 of The Care Planning, Placement and Case Review (England) Regulations 2010.

The request should be made to be heard at Panel under "Any other Business"

A further joint supervision to take place within 4 weeks of the granting of extension of approval between Child's Social Work Team and Kinship Fostering to jointly conclude the analysis of Kinship fostering assessment, agree and sign off approval recommendations to Fostering Panel, proposed SGO recommendation and the SGO Support Plan.

Case to be heard at Fostering Panel prior to the 24 weeks from the start date of the placement.

The case is jointed presented to Fostering Panel by both the Kinship Social Worker and the Child's Social Worker.

The recommendations of the Fostering Panel with regards ongoing approval of Kinship foster carer are provided to the Agency Decision Maker for ratification.

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