## 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

Child's Social Worker in conjunction with Parent, and, or current Carer with Parental Responsibility, identifies a potential 'Kinship Foster carer' from the child's network who could potentially care for them if they need to become a 'Child in Care.'



Child's Social Worker completes Viability Assessment as per Notts City template, to include Liquid Logic (and other LA checks if relevant) and PNC checks of all over 18s in the household, to assess the suitability of the proposed placement, including the level of support required, and the likelihood that the placement would meet the Fostering Services National Minimum Standards(2011) advice **must** be sought from the Fostering Service if this is in doubt.



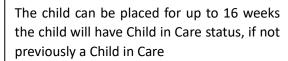
If the Viability Assessment is positive, but immediate placement of the child with the Kinship carer is not required or recommended, (for example if child is placed in alternative placement), further assessment of suitability to be commenced only if required as a contingency plan.



If the Viability Assessment is positive and **immediate** placement of the child with the Kinship carer is recommended temporary approval of the Kinship fostering under Regulation 24 of The Care Planning, Placement and Case Review (England) Regulations 2010, to be agreed by sign off by the Head of Service for the Child, but only where they are satisfied that the immediate placement with the Kinship carer is the most appropriate placement for the child. This temporary approval is for a period of up to 16 weeks from start date of placement.



If the Viability Assessment is negative, the assessment should be shared with the proposed Kinship carer, and they be given written advice as to how to appeal the recommendation should they choose to do so.



Child's Social Worker arranges a Placement Planning Meeting and completes Delegated Authority within 72 hours of placement.

Child's Social Worker visits on a weekly basis for 4 weeks, until the 20 -day Child in Care Review, and thereafter at a minimum frequency of 4 weeks Fostering Team to be advised of placement being made by sharing of signed viability assessment via Kinship fostering Team Email within 24 hours of placement. Fostering Team to allocate a SW within 48 hours of notification of placement.

Initial joint supervision between Child's Social Work Team and Kinship Fostering to take place within 5 days of placement to plan the joint completed full assessment of Kinship fostering using the SGO Schedule 21 / Form C Template

Further joint supervision between Child's Social Work Team and Kinship Fostering within 12 weeks of start of placement 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

Kinship foster carers begins to receive age related foster payment from date child placed

Kinship foster carers signs temporary approval agreement and is provide with leaflet detailing expectations of them as a Foster Carer.

Kinship foster carers receives Monthly supervision, and begins to record monthly placement summaries



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.

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.

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