

Family and Friends/Connected Person Carer (Flow Chart)

Flow Chart for Placements with Family and Friends/ Connected Person Carers

Emergency / Immediate Placements

A Looked After Child is placed or considering being placed with a friend or a family member in an emergency situation.



Child's Social Worker to consider any obvious barriers to this placement progressing – this should include Local Authority checks and begin the PNC process. All submissions for approval must include LA check and PNC checks for all adults residing in the property.



Child's Social Worker to send the completed Viability Assessment (where applicable) and ALL above information to Fostering Team at: -
Connected Persons
Connected.Persons@nottinghamcity.gov.uk

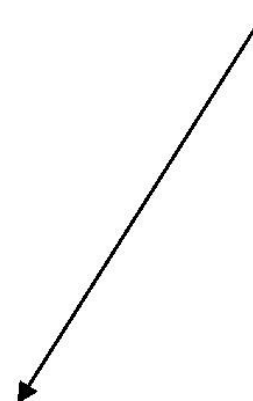


Planned Placements

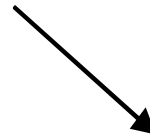
At the earliest opportunity, the child's Social Worker identifies all prospective carers and undertakes viability assessments (**using attached template**) to determine whether a placement is potentially viable for a named child.

The expectation is that there has been consideration for a Family Group Conference (FGC). This assessment includes Local Authority checks and PNC checks of all adults living in the property.

Child's Social Worker to identify the most appropriate person and progress this assessment.



Fostering Team Manager for Connected Persons will complete the QA on the viability assessment and send it to the Head of Children in Care (Regulated Services) for Reg.24 approval.



Temporary approval granted -

- Permits the child to be placed for up to 16 weeks (from the date the child was placed).
- possible to get an 8 week extension from fostering panel in exceptional circumstances (please see the Reg.24 and Reg.25 pathway on Page 5)
- Fostering allowance to set up and paid from the date of child placed.
- Child's Social Worker undertakes weekly visits to the child for the first 4 weeks of the placement, further visits take place at no longer than 4 weekly until the carer is fully

If temporary approval is not granted, but the careplan is for the child to remain their – the risk assessment and decision must be considered and agreed by Head of Service for that area.



Child's Social Worker to record temp approval on child's file in LL.
Supervising Social Worker (fostering Social Worker) to record on carers file.



Connected Persons foster carer to sign temporary approval Agreement.



Child's Social Worker to arrange Placement Planning Meeting and Delegated Authority Meeting to be held within 3 days of child being placed.



Role of supervising social worker continues around Supervision visit, identifying appropriate training and support.



