

Children's Social Care Scheme of Delegated Authority

January 2025

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ACTION REQUIRED	DELEGATED TO	IN ABSENCE OF DELEGATED PERSON AND ADDITIONAL GUIDANCE
1. CHILDREN IN NEED		
Signing off Child and Family Assessment	Team Manager	Team Manager
Decision to cease a CiN Plan	Team Manager	Team Manager
Signing Off Missing from Home exemplars	Team Manager	Team Manager
Request support from early help via Transfer meeting	Team Manager	Team Manager
Chair Child in Need meetings	Social Worker	Duty Social Worker
Authorise funding for specialist assessment (care proceedings / PLO)	Head of Service or panel up to £500 £500 or more Service Director	Other Head of Service
Commission a residential family assessment/ parent and baby assessment placement	Service Director	Service Director



Placements Panel	Service Director	Service Director
Disabled CYP – Eligibility for Assessment	Team Manager	CWD Head of Service
Disabled CYP – Eligibility for Services following assessment	Team Manager	CWD Head of Service
Private Fostering (a) Approve assessment of private foster carers	Service Manager as the Designated Manager for Private Fostering	Fostering Head of Service
Authorisation of Private Fostering Placement	Service Manager as the Designated Manager for Private Fostering	Head of Service Corporate Parenting
Private Fostering (b) Where assessment includes recommendation to prohibit carer or impose requirements; where carer is disqualified; consideration of continuation of placement with disqualified carer. Also, proposal to vary or remove requirements.	Fostering Designated Manager for Private Fostering/Service Manager	Fostering Head of Service
To convene a Family Group Conference	Social Worker	Team Manager
To act as a Guarantor for tenancies	Service Director	Service Director
2. CHILD PROTECTION		
Initiate a strategy discussion	Senior Practitioner/Team Manager	Team Manager
Chair a strategy discussion	Team Manager	Team Manager
Chair a strategy meeting	Team Manager	Team Manager
Initiate S47 enquiries (as a result of the outcome of a strategy discussion)	Social Worker	Team Manager
Approving outcome of S47 enquiries, including the decision to convene an Initial Child Protection Conference or Risk Outside the Home (ROTH) Conference	Team Manager	Team Manager
Chair LADO Allegations Management Meeting	LADO	Deputy Safeguarding Lead
Chair Strategy Meetings for complex abuse	Head of Service	Other Head of Service
Make child subject of a Child Protection Plan or ROTH Plan	CP and ROTH Conference. Chair to ensure decision meets threshold	Chair to sign minutes to confirm decision
Chair Core Group Meetings	Social Worker (12 months post qualified) Senior Social Worker	Duty Social Worker (12 months post qualified)



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Remove requirement for a CP	CP Conference. Chair to	Chair to sign minutes to
or ROTH Plan	ensure decision meets	confirm decision
	threshold	
Change the date of a CP or	Head of Service in consultation	Head of Service in
ROTH Conference	with the Deputy Head of	consultation with the Deputy
	Safeguarding	Head of Safeguarding
Agreeing to seek legal advice	Head of Service	Head of Service
or trigger Legal Planning		
(Legal Gateway) Meeting		
Notification to the Child	Service Director Children's	Service Director Children's
Safeguarding Practice Review		
Panel and DfE		
Write the agency report for a	Quality Assurance	Head of Service or Deputy
Rapid Review or further		Head of Quality Assurance
submissions for a CSPR		Troub or Godiny 7 too area roo
Approve the agency report for	Service Director Children's	Service Director Children's
a Rapid Review or further		
submissions for a CSPR		
Prepare Report for Rapid	Quality Assurance	Quality Assurance
Review / Child Safeguarding	addity / toodraffoo	addity / toodraffoo
Practice Review		
Authorise report for Rapid	Service Director Children's	DCS
Review / CSPR	Services Services	DC3
Attending MAPPA	Level 2 – CP chairs	Level 2 – CP chairs
Attending MAFFA	Level 3 – Deputy Safeguarding	Level 3 – Deputy
	Lead	
	Leau	Safeguarding Lead
3. COURT PROCEEDINGS		
Permission to hold Legal	Service Manager in	Head of Service
Planning Meeting	consultation with Head of	
	Service	
Chair Legal Planning Meeting	Service Admissions to Care Panel /	Head of Service
Chair Legal Planning Meeting		Head of Service
Chair Legal Planning Meeting Decision to commence PLO	Admissions to Care Panel /	Head of Service Head of Service
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Decision to commence PLO Chair PLO Meetings	Admissions to Care Panel / Head of Service Head of Service Team Manager	Head of Service Team Manager
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Out of policy finances should		
be heard at an exceptional		
finance meeting chaired by		
Corporate Parenting Head Of		
Service and attended by Head		
of Commissioning and		
Children's Finance		
Decision to endorse and sign	Service Manager	Service Manager / Head of
off Interim Care Plan	_	Service
To quality assure and	Service Manager	Service Manager
approve, the Child		
Permanence Report prior to		
ADM		
To quality assure and	Service Manager	Team Manager
approve, all other court		
reports		
Decision to endorse the Care	Head of Service	Head of Service
Plan for the final hearing		
(where there are <u>no</u> financial	Care Plan with resource	Service Director
threshold matters requiring	commitment over £500 to be	
Service Director approval)	signed by Service Director	
NB: Only the Agency Decision Maker	Children's Social Care.	
has the authority to change endorsed		Service Director
panel decision, i.e. plan for adoption etc.	ADM for endorsed panel	
etc.	decision – plan for adoption.	
Decision to apply for	Head of Service with Service	Head of Service with Service
discharge or variation of a	Director Approval	Director Approval
Care or Supervision Order		
(including the extension of a		
supervision order), or		
Emergency Protection Order.		
Decision to apply for a	Admission to Care Panel /	Other Head of Service
Recovery Order (child subject of	Head of Service (chair)	
CO/ICO or EPO or in Police Protection)		
s50 Children Act 1989	Following discussion with	Following discussion with
	Police and legal advice	Police and legal advice
Section 7 Reports - Sign Off	Team Manager	Team Manager
Section 37 Reports - Sign Off	Team Manager	Team Manager
Children Subject to a Care	Executive Director, Children's	Service Director (with legal
Order who require a Mental	Services (with legal advice)	advice)
Health Act Assessments -	, , , , ,	<u> </u>
acting as the nearest relative		
To use secure	Executive Director, Children's	Service Director, Children's
accommodation without an	Services (with legal advice and	Services (with legal advice
order (maximum 72 hours)	following the recommendation	and following the
,	of a strategy	recommendation of a strategy
	discussion/meeting)	discussion/meeting)
	S25 Children Act 1989 /	
	Children (Secure	
	Accommodation) Regulations	
	1991, Vol. 4 CA 89 Guidance	
	1331, VOI. 4 OA 03 GUIUATICE	



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	Decisions to place a child in a	
	secure accommodation should	
	be authorised by a nominated	
	senior manager of the LA	
	children's services department	
To seek secure	Executive Director for	Service Director, Children's
accommodation (maximum 72	Children's Services	Services (with legal advice)
hours)		
	Statutory child in care review	
	recommends if child already	
	looked after. Planning meeting	
	for non-looked after child.	
Authority to apply for a	Executive Director for	Executive Director Children's
Secure Accommodation Order	Children's Services	Services
	For children under the age of	
	13, Secretary of State	
Davison of all a constitution	permission is needed	Hand of Camin
Review of placement in	Head of Service (with legal	Head of Service
secure accommodation	advice)	Eve autive Diseates Obildren
To appeal a Court decision	Executive Director Children's	Executive Director Children's
	Services in consultation with	Services in consultation with
	the Service Director and Head	the Service Director and Head
	of Legal Services. The CEO	of Legal Services. The CEO
	should be aware of this action.	should be aware of this action.
4. DECISION TO ACCOMM	DDATE / DISCHARGE	
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Decision to accommodate	Head of Service	Head of Service
Child in an emergency, S20		
Decision to accommodate	Service Director	Service Director
child in a planned manner,		
S20		
Authorisation for placement	Service Director	Service Director
'At a Distance' (beyond adjacent		
LA areas)		
Disabled Children's Panel:	CWD Head of Service	CWD Head of Service
authorise short breaks		
(residential or Link);		
continuation of short break		
Decision to discharge a child	Head of Service	Head of Service
from accommodation: young		
person aged 16/17, who has	Young person must be in	Young person must be in
been accommodated under s20	agreement, IRO to be	agreement, IRO to be
Desistante Part de la Carte	consulted	consulted
Decision to discharge a child	Head of Service	Head of Service
from accommodation: young	IRO to be consulted	IDO to be considered
person aged 16/17, who has		IRO to be consulted
been looked after for at least 20		į
working days		
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A. Making placements		
Agree s20 planned placement	Service Director	Service Director
Agree a search for a residential placement	Head of Service	Head of Service
Agree a search for an Independent Fostering Placement (IFA)	Head of Service	Service Manager
Agree s20 Emergency placement	Duty Head of Service for out of hours/ EDT	Head of Service
Authorise interim purchased placement	Service Director and Head of Service Commissioning	Service Director and Head of Service Commissioning
Authorise planned purchased placement	Service Director in consultation with Head of Service Commissioning	Service Director
Decision to apply for leave of the Court for a child in care to	Service Director	Service Director
live outside the UK (s33 (7) (b) Children Act 1989 Any application should account for delegated permissions for placement agreements and these should be available to the deciding manager to review	(written consent of parents is required)	(written consent of parents is required)
Placement with Parents for a child subject to a care order or interim care order: authorisation of placement based on Schedule 3 assessment	Service Director, on behalf of Executive Director Children's Services	Service Director, on behalf of Executive Director Children's Services
Emergency placement with Connected Person (viability assessment Regulation 24 assessment)	Head of Service (Family Safeguarding) & Service Manager Fostering	Service Director Safeguarding and Targeted Support
Placement with a Connected Person: authorisation of placement based on Regulation 24 assessment	Head of Service (Family Safeguarding) & Service Manager Fostering	Head of Service (Family Safeguarding) & Service Manager Fostering
B. Contact and the role of Parents		
Decision to refuse parental contact with a child (Care Order) S34 (6) Children Act 1989– up to seven days in an emergency – when necessary to safeguard/promote child's welfare. Where the child is subject of an ICO or full Care Order an application to the Court for authority to terminate the contact will always be necessary if	Service Manager in consultation with Legal	Service Manager in consultation with Legal



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contact is to be suspended for more		
than 7 days. As soon as such a		
decision is made, Legal Services should be contacted as a matter of		
urgency so that the necessary Court		
action can be initiated IRO, Strategic		
Manager and Legal to be consulted		
Apply for a s34 order	Head of Service, with legal	Head of Service
regarding contact - other than	advice	
where there is a risk of harm		
Statutory review to be convened		
and consultation with the IRO		
Decision to refer for in-house	Team Manager	Team Manager
Supervised Contact		
Withhold whereabouts of	Service Manager (should have	Service Manager (should have
child in care from a person	a direction from the Court)	a direction from the Court)
(usually a parent).		
Schedule 2 s15 (4) Children Act 1989.		
A local authority is not required to inform any person of the whereabouts		
of a child if-the child is in the care of the		
authority; and the authority has		
reasonable cause to believe that		
informing the person would prejudice		
the child's welfare <i>NB This does not</i>		
apply to children accommodated under S20 Children Act 1989 when there is no		
power to withhold this information		
unless an order has been applied for		
and obtained		
IRO and Legal to be consulted		
Decision to exclude any	Independent Review Officer	Deputy Safeguarding Lead
person from looked After		
Review (including someone with PR)		
C. Health		
Notification to a parent that	Social Worker	Social Worker
looked after child injured,		
admitted to hospital, etc		
Authorisation of minor and/or	Foster/Adoptive Carer, with	Service Manager
routine medical treatment	signed delegated authority form	ger manager
(Care/Placement Order)	oigned doingailed admining form	
Authorise testing for blood-	Team Manager	Service Manager
borne viruses (Care Order)	Team Manager	Gervice ividinager
Consent to contraception	Team Manager	Service Manager
Emergency medical treatment	Head of Service with	Service Director
which may or may not involve	consultation with treating	
general anaesthetic (Care	Physician and parent if	
Order)	possible. Can be delegated by	
	HOS.	
	1100.	
Out of Hours:	Emergency Duty Team /HOS /	
out of flours.	Parent(s) with consultation with	
	treating Physician	



Service Director	Executive Director Children's Services
Executive Director of Children's Services	Executive Director Children's Services / Chief Executive
Service Director, CSC	Head of Service, CSC
Executive Director Children's Services in consultation with treating physician and parents having taken legal advice	Executive Director Children's Services / Chief Executive
Executive Director Children's Services having taken legal advice	Executive Director Children's Services / Chief Executive
Head of Service	Service Manager
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Service Director	Cover Service Director
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Service Manager	Cover Service Manager
	Executive Director of Children's Services Service Director, CSC Executive Director Children's Services in consultation with treating physician and parents having taken legal advice Executive Director Children's Services having taken legal advice Head of Service Service Director Service Director



Travel Insurance document must be viewed and held on file		
Passport application (Care Order) / authorisation	Executive Director Children's Services	Executive Director Children's Services
Criminal Injures Compensation: seek legal advice a) Approval of application	Service Manager	Head of Service
b) Approve appeal against award	SM after legal advice	Head of Service
c) Delegated person to hold CICA fund	Service Director Safeguarding and Targeted Support / Finance team	Service Director Safeguarding and QA
Permission for a child to be "known as" another surname (Care Order)	Executive Director Children's Services	Executive Director Children's Services
Permission to join the Armed Forces (Care Order)	Service Director Safeguarding and Targeted Support	Service Director Safeguarding and QA
Consent to marriage of a 16/17-year-old on a care order	Executive Director Children's Services	Executive Director Children's Services
Consent to support a young person on a care order to change their name (seek legal advice where parental consent is not in place)	Executive Director Children's Services	Executive Director Children's Services
To support child's application for British Citizenship	Service Manager	Team Manager
To support / not to support, a foster carers application for a child arrangement order for a looked after child	Service Manager	Team Manager
To bring placements to an end (concern for child) - foster placement	Head of Service	Service Manager
To end the placement of a child placed for adoption, not yet legally adopted (concern for child)	Service Director	Head of Service
Agreement to staying put fostering arrangement	Head of Service for child's social worker	Cover Head of Service
Agreement to extend residential provision post a young person's 18th birthday	Service Director	Cover Service Director CSC
To change the date of a statutory (LAC) Review which will be out of timescales	Head of Service for child's social worker	Cover Head of Service
To agree a religious custom or ritual requiring parental consent (e.g. baptism) for a child on a care order	Service Director	Head of Service



To support/not support foster	Head of Service for child's	Cover Head of Service
carer application for	social worker	
residence order or Special		
Guardianship Order (financial		
element subject to		
assessment and agreement		
within the financial scheme of		
delegation)		
To seek publicity in respect of	Head of Service	Service Director
a search for a missing child		
To authorise the provision or	Head of Service for child's	Cover Head of Service
end family contact between	social worker	
child in care and parents.		
Legal Services Section 34.4		
order.		
Head of Service to agree		
principle and IRO endorses		
for up to 7 days prior to legal		
advice.		
E. Delegation of authority/p	parental responsibility	
Decision for a child to have an	CSW; Can be delegated to foste	
overnight stay	Information Record / Review / Safety Plan	
Regular and extended stays	Corporate Parenting TM; Can be delegated to foster carer via	
with friends	Placement Information Record / Review / Safety Plan	
Regular and extended stays	Service Director on behalf of	Executive Director Children's
with family (see also	Executive Director Children's	Services
'Placement with Parents')	Services	
Authorisation for school trips	SW; Can be delegated to foster	carer via Placement Information
for Looked After Children	Record / Review / Safety Plan	A L
Delegation of authority for	SW, permissions to be identified on Adoption Support Plan	
children placed for adoption	before placement commences	
F. Notifications		
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Notification following the	Head Of Service to notify: (Need	To Know)
death of a child in	Service Directors and Executive	
care/serious harm to a child in	Colvide Directors and Executive	Director Official Strategy
a residential unit or a foster	Executive Director Children's Se	rvices to notify:
carers home (see below for	Lead Member	. viodo to riotily.
Ofsted)	Comms Service Director	
Make a child safeguarding	Service Director Safeguarding	Service Director Safeguarding
incident notification	and QA	and Targeted Support
Notification of Death of Care	Service Director Safeguarding	Service Director Safeguarding
Leaver 18+	and QA	and Targeted Support
Notification of the sudden or	MASH	MASH
unexpected death of a child		
Notification that a looked after	Head of Service and Head of	
child has been permanently	Virtual School to be informed	
excluded from school	Virtual Oction to be illioilled	
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Notification that a Member of	Head of Service	Deputy Head of Safeguarding
the LA Children's Workforce	l lead of Service	Deputy Flead of Saleguarding
has been subject to an		
allegation reported to the		
LADO		
Notification of a serious	Service Director	
incident under Schedule 7 of	Service Director	
The Fostering Services		
(England) Regulations 2011		
(children in fostering		
placements)		
Missing children notifications	Team Manager	Team Manager
as per your local protocol	Todin Managor	Todin Managor
ac per year reear presents		
6. Fostering and Permanen	ce	
Authorise Form F for	Team Manager	Service Manager
presentation to Panel		
Approve Foster Carers	Agency Decision Maker,	ADM Adoption
	Fostering, considering	
	Fostering Panel	
	recommendations	
Terminate approval of foster	ADM Fostering, considering	ADM Adoption
carers	Panel recommendations	
To sign off and agree Annual	Service Manager	Team Manager
Foster Carer Review for		
continuance of approval		
Review of Foster Carer	Fostering Panel: end of Year 1	NAN A II
approval	Service Manager Fostering: (AD	
To approve temporary	Fostering Service Manager	Head of Service
Exemptions to the usual		
fostering limit for foster		
carers approved by		
Peterborough City Council fostering panel		
Agree the suspension of	Fostering Service Manager	Head of Service
fostering approval	1 Osterning Service Manager	lieau oi Service
Variation to terms of a foster	ADM Fostering (Service	Head of Service or ADM
carers approval	Manager)	1 10dd of Oct vide of ADIVI
To decide whether or not to	Head of Service	Head of Service or ADM
approve connected persons		
as temporary foster carers		
under Regulation 24 of the		
Care Planning, Placement and		
Case Review (England)		
Regulations 2010.		
Approving adopters a foster	Service Director	Service Director
to adopt early permanence		
carers		
Authorisation to appoint to	Head of Service for Corporate	Head of Service Fostering
Fostering Panel membership	Parenting	
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Permanence – approve CPRs	Service Manager Children in	Head of Service Corporate
prior to submission to the	Care	Parenting
Agency Decision Maker (ADM)		
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ADM Decision (on receipt of	Service Directors	
the CPR, Adoption Medical		
and relevant care proceedings		
documents) that a child's plan		
should be one of adoption		
ADM decision - Approval of	Service Directors informed by	
the match between a child and	the report of the Adoption Panel	
prospective adopters		
Permanence Approval that	Service Directors informed by	Adoption Panel in RAA & ADM
applicants are suitable to	the report of the Adoption Panel	(CCC Service Director for
adopt		Adoption)
Permanence Revocation of	Adoption Panel in RAA & ADM	Adoption Panel in RAA & ADM
Adopters Approval	(CCC Service Director for	(CCC Service Director for
	Adoption)	Adoption)
Approval for Early	Adoption Panel in RAA & ADM	Adoption Panel in RAA & ADM
Permanence Carers – dual	(CCC Service Director for	/ Service Director
approval via panel	Fostering & Adoption)	
A	Comice Director for	Comito a Dinastan
Approval for Early	Service Director for	Service Director
Permanence Carers – outside	Safeguarding and Targeted	
of panel	Support (Nominated Officer)	
Agree a child's plan for an	Service Director (Nominated	Service Director
Early Permanence Placement	Officer)	Corvice Birector
	- Gilloci)	
Permanence – Agree adoption	Head of RAA	Service Director
allowance Means Test		
Permanence – Agree adoption	CCC SD Fostering and	Service Director
allowance Non-Means Test	Adoption in conjunction with the	
	Head of Children's	
	Commissioning for PCC	
Payments for:	Head of Service Corporate	Head of Children's
SGO/CAO Allowance	Parenting / Head of Children's	Commissioning
FCP for Reg 7	Commissioning	
Payments for SGO/CAO	Head of RAA	Service Director
Allowance FCP Reg 6 means		
tested		
Payments for SGO/CAO	Service Director & Head of	Executive Director Children's
Allowance FCP Reg 6 non	Children's Commissioning	Services
means tested		
Approve Plan for Permanence	Head of Service Corporate	Head of Service in Children's
(fostering)	Parenting	Services
Permanence – Agree inter	Head of RAA	Service Director
agency adoption placement		
Permanence – Remove child	Team Manager /Service	Service Manager
from prospective adopters	Manager to convene Legal	
	Planning meeting, then CIC	
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	HoS decision. RAA Team Managers (Family Finding & Recruitment (if RAA adopters) to be included in discussions	Head of RAA to be included in discussions if Team Manager not available	
Permission to advertise/appear in media (children waiting to be placed)	Service Director	Executive Director Children's Services	
Publicity / Advertising against wishes of those with parental responsibility	Service Director	Executive Director Children's Services	
Arrangement of Disruption Meeting - Adoption	RAA HOS identify chair; SW convenes meeting	Service Director	
Arrangement of Disruption Meetings: Permanent foster placement	Deputy Safeguarding Lead	Service Director	
7. CARE LEAVERS			
Authorise emergency accommodation	Service Director	Executive Director Children's Services	
Allocate 'Former Relevant' young person (over 18 years)	Team Manager	Service Manager	
Authorisation of Needs Led Assessment for young person post 18	Team Manager	Service Manager	
Apply for National Insurance Number	Social Worker /Personal Advisor	Social Worker /Personal Advisor	
Agree Pathway Plan (18+)	Team Manager	Service Manager	
Chair review of Pathway Plan	IRO (for u/18); Team Manager	Team Manager	
Close case of relevant YP	Team Manager	Service Manager	
Authorise Leaving Care Grant	Service Manager / Head of Finance	Head of Service	
Authorise Rent Deposit	Service Manager / Head of Finance	Head of Service	
Higher Education Grants (University Entrants)	Service Manager / Head of Finance	Head of Service	
8. MISCELLANEOUS			
Signing of any correspondence with local/national elected members, Ombudsman, Children's Commissioner, Information Commissioners Office.	Executive Director of Children's Services	Service Director	
Complaints	Team Managers	Team Managers (complaints process)	
Chairing of Panels	Service Director	Service Director	





ACTION REQUIRED	DELEGATED TO	IN ABSENCE OF DELEGATED PERSON	BUDGET HOLDER	BUDGET MANAGER Coordinating role, not accountable
9. FINANCE – DUE TO THE CURRENT SPENDING MORATORIUM IN PLACE, ALL EXPENDITURE IS TO BE APPROVED BY THE SERVICE DIRECTOR SAFEGUARDING AND TARGETED SUPPORT				SAFEGUARDING
One off Payments (nonrecurring)— up to £100 total on any one family in any year	Team Manager	Other Team Manager	Head of Service	Head of Service
One off Payments (nonrecurring)– up to £500 total on any one family in any year	Service Manager	Other Service Manager	Head of Service	Head of Service
One off Payments (nonrecurring)– more than £500 total on any one family in any year up to £5,000	Head Of Service / Head of Finance	Other Head of Service	Head of Service	Head of Service
Disabled children: resources up to £2000 per year per child	Commissioning Head of Service/Senior SEND Commissioner in conjunction with Head of Service Children With Disabilities	Commissioning Head of Service/Senior SEND Commissioner in conjunction with Head of Service Children With Disabilities	Service Director Safeguarding and Targeted Support	Service Director
Disabled children resource above £2000 per year per child	Commissioning Head of Service/Senior SEND Commissioner in conjunction with Head of Service Children With Disabilities	Commissioning Head of Service/Senior SEND Commissioner in conjunction with Head of Service Children With Disabilities	Service Director Safeguarding and Targeted Support	Service Director
Post adoption expenses (as identified in Adoption Support Plan), within policy	RAA Head of Service	Service Director Safeguarding and Targeted Support	Head of RAA	Head of RAA



Post adoption expenses outside of policy	RAA Head of Service and Head of Children's Commissioning	Service Director Safeguarding and Targeted Support	Head of Children's Commissioning	Head of Children's Commissioning
Inter-agency adoption expenses	RAA Head of Service and Head of Children's Commissioning	Service Director Safeguarding and Targeted Support	Head of RAA	Head of RAA
Step parent adoption expenses in policy	Head of RAA	Service Director Safeguarding and Targeted Support	Head of RAA	Head of RAA
Inter country adoption expenses	Head of RAA	Service Director Safeguarding and Targeted Support	Head of RAA	Head of RAA
Skills level fostering payments	Head of Service Corporate Parenting	Other Head of Service	Head of Children's Commissioning	Head of Children's Commissioning
No Recourse to Public Funds	Head of Service	Other Head of Service	Head of Children's Commissioning	Head of Children's Commissioning
No recourse to Public Funds which extend beyond 3 months	Service Director, Targeted Services and Family Safeguarding	Cover Service Director	Head of Children's Commissioning	Head of Children's Commissioning

DECISION TO BE DELEGATED	DELEGATED TO	AUTHORISING GROUP
10. OTHER		
CIN Procedures	Each individual procedure	CSMT
CP Procedures	'owned' by specified HoS;	
ROTH Procedures	Revision coordinated by QA	
Disabled Children's		
Procedures		
CIC Procedures		
LSPB Procedures	Head of QA	LSCB/ CSLT
Fostering Manual	Service Manager Fostering	CSMT



Kinship Manual	Service Manager Fostering	CSMT
MASH Procedures	MASH Head of Service	CSMT
Authorisation for DBS	All relevant recruiting managers / Human Resources	All relevant recruiting managers / Human Resources
Permission to speak to Media on behalf of LA	Director People and Communities / Corporate Communications Team	Director People and Communities / Corporate Communications Team