

UN-Planned Placement With Parents

Flowchart – Process for authorisation

The child is subject to a care order or interim care order and;

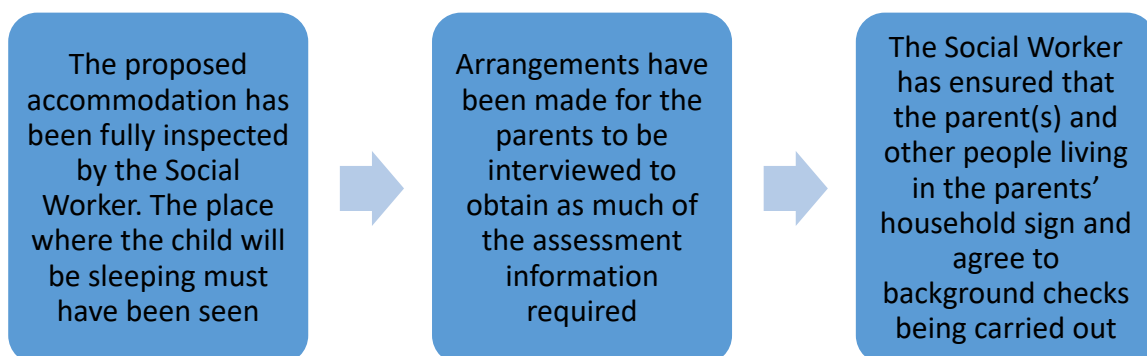
- o The placement is for 24 hours or more
- o The placement is with a parent with parental responsibility or;
- o The placement is with a person who held a child arrangements order (or a Residence Order) specifying with whom the child is to live immediately before the care or interim care order was made/child arrangement order in respect of the child immediately before the interim care order/full care order was made.

This process does not apply to a S38(6) where the placement is made under section 38(6) Children Act 1989 for the purposes of assessment

Placement with Parent(s) that is NOT planned

Stage 1

Nominated Officer authorisation *pending PWP Assessment* can only be given if:



Stage 2

For unplanned placements, the following action must be undertaken:

The PWP assessment must be completed within 10 working days of the placement start date



A written and signed Placement Plan (PWP-Parental Agreement form) must be discussed and signed by the parent within 2 days of the start of the placement.

A written and signed agreement with the parent to visit the placement weekly for the first six weeks should be recorded unless authorisation has been obtained from the Nominated Officer that this is not necessary



The reasons for a decision to place a child on this basis are fully recorded under a separate Nominated Officer case-note, signed by the Nominated Officer and placed on the child's file.

Stage 3

Authorisation of the placement by the Nominated Officer

