<u>UN-Planned Placement With Parents</u> 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;
- 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:

The proposed accommodation has been fully inspected by the Social Worker. The place where the child will be sleeping must have been seen



Arrangements have been made for the parents to be interviewed to obtain as much of the assessment information required



The Social Worker has ensured that the parent(s) and other people living in the parents' household sign and agree to background checks being carried out

Stage 2For 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 bythe 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

The PWP assessment must be completed within 10 working days of the placement start date and shared with the Nominated Officer



Within 20 working
days of the
placement start date,
the decision of the
Nominated Officer on
continuing the
placement should be
recorded

Ending the placement

 If the decision is not to confirm the placement, the placement must be terminated.

Within 20 working days of the start of the placement

• A Care Plan Review should be held at the earliest opportunity from the unplanned PWP start date