

Placement for Adoption in Trafford Council

This document details the differences between local Trafford practice and the regional practice in the main chapter. This local document should be read in conjunction with the main chapter.

- In Trafford, there are designated children's social workers within the Adoption Team who are responsible for twin tracking children with a possible plan for adoption and who, should the plan be approved by the Court, take case responsibility for the child at the point a Placement Order is granted
- All children who have a possible plan for adoption must be referred to the Adoption Manager for allocation to an adoption children's worker for twin tracking
- All cases where it is being considered that a child is relinquished for adoption must be co-worked with a children's worker from the Adoption Team and an initial joint visit undertaken in a timely manner
- The twin tracking social worker is responsible for undertaking all of the necessary actions (obtaining birth certificates, meeting with parent's to gain medical information and consent, discussion of the adoption plan and information regarding counselling options, compilation of a CPR, sending for the Forms M&B, arranging of the adoption medical and so on)
- There is no family finder allocated as the children's worker from the Adoption Team fulfils this role
- The twin tracking social worker is responsible for the compilation of reports and their presentation to the Adoption Panel or the Agency Decision Maker as appropriate
- The child's social worker from the Adoption Team is responsible for family finding, the identification of an appropriate match and the compilation of the necessary reports and presentation of the match to the Adoption Panel
- The child's social worker from the Adoption Team is also responsible for the preparation of the child for placement and for undertaking lifestory work with the child in an age appropriate way.
- In Trafford, in-house matches are relatively unusual and there is no hierarchy to the search for a family. Children are referred as an early alert (after a SHOBPA decision is made) to the Four4adoption collaborative family finding meeting and on the granting of a Placement Order referred to the Adoption 22 database and to the National Adoption Register. There is no necessity for approval to place with an adopter from another agency. All options are

considered from the outset and the family that can best meet the child's needs is taken forward.

- The child's social worker from the Adoption Team is responsible for the preparation of the paperwork and the match to the Adoption Panel.
- The child's social worker from the Adoption Team is responsible for the co-ordination of a Life Appreciation Day and for the planning of introductions and the Adoption Placement Plan.

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