

Family & Friends Assessments

Flowchart for assessments made under Regulation 24

When a placement is required prior to an assessment being undertaken, a Regulation 24 report is to be completed by the child's social worker and submitted to the Agency Decision Maker who can give temporary approval of the placement for a maximum of 16 weeks.

The Agency Decision Maker will inform the Family Placement Team Manager & Team Leader, the Panel Administrator, Sylvia Toman and the child's Social Worker of their decision.

The placing social worker will present the completed Regulation 24 report to the Family Placement Panel.

A full assessment is allocated to a supervising social worker from the Family Placement Team.

After 16 weeks either the completed assessment is presented to the Family Placement Panel to recommend approval *or* a request is made to extend the temporary approval of the placement for a further 8 weeks. (Carers are invited to attend the panel).

The Agency Decision Maker on reading the report and Panel minutes will make a decision as to whether to extend the temporary approval for 8 weeks

After a further 8 weeks, the completed assessment must be presented to the Family Placement Panel for a recommendation. Any placement where an assessment has not been completed at this stage must end.

The Agency Decision Maker on reading the completed assessment, Panel minutes and any other relevant information that has been submitted will make a decision as to whether or not to approve the carers as Family & Friends foster carers.

Carers receive notification in writing of the final decision, and if approved are allocated a supervising social worker.