

**Placement of a child with a caring relative, friend or Connected Person who is not already approved as a foster carer at the time of the placement.**

This procedure applies to any formal (Looked After) placement of a child with a caring relative, friend or Connected Person who is not already approved as a foster carer at the time of the placement.

*Not all connected carers have looked after children – we regularly assess carers for children who have not come into care or are there by way of a family arrangement*

Relevant Guidance

*We have our own Suite of leaflets at print currently regarding different orders and what happens in assessments.*

*A joint home visit with CSW and an Assessing SW should be completed before temporary approval is agreed*

The following systems/records must be updated or completed:

*Needs adding in that temporary carers need adding to the foster carer register with specialist admin otherwise they wont get paid*

*Financial details of the carers need obtaining at point of placement to ensure carers are paid in a timely manner*

The child's social worker must complete the *Part 1 viability assessment* on Mosaic, get it authorised by the appropriate manager and send the workflow **the case to the Family Placements Team** *through to the connected persons team* with a view to arranging for the Connected Persons to be assessed as foster carers.

**Family Placements** *The Connected Persons Team* will arrange for the fostering assessment to be undertaken and make arrangements for the case to be brought before the Fostering Panel.

This assessments will be undertaken as set out in **Section 3, Assessments and Checks**. Additionally, the following will be completed: CoramBAAF Form C; *this will be form K next year*

Given the short time-scale for the assessment, the **Supervising Assessing** Social Worker should contact the **Designated Manger (Fostering Panel)** *specialist admin* to arrange a time and date for presentation of the assessment report. The procedure for approving the assessment via the Fostering Panel is the same as the procedure for the approval of all local authority approved foster carers.

If a child is subject to a Interim Care Order or full Care Order and continues to have stays with the carers over 24 hours, the carers will continue to be registered as foster carers. **Otherwise, they will be de-registered, following a foster carer review.** *The carers would then be asked to resign and if they choose not to do this the fostering service will look at deregistration.*