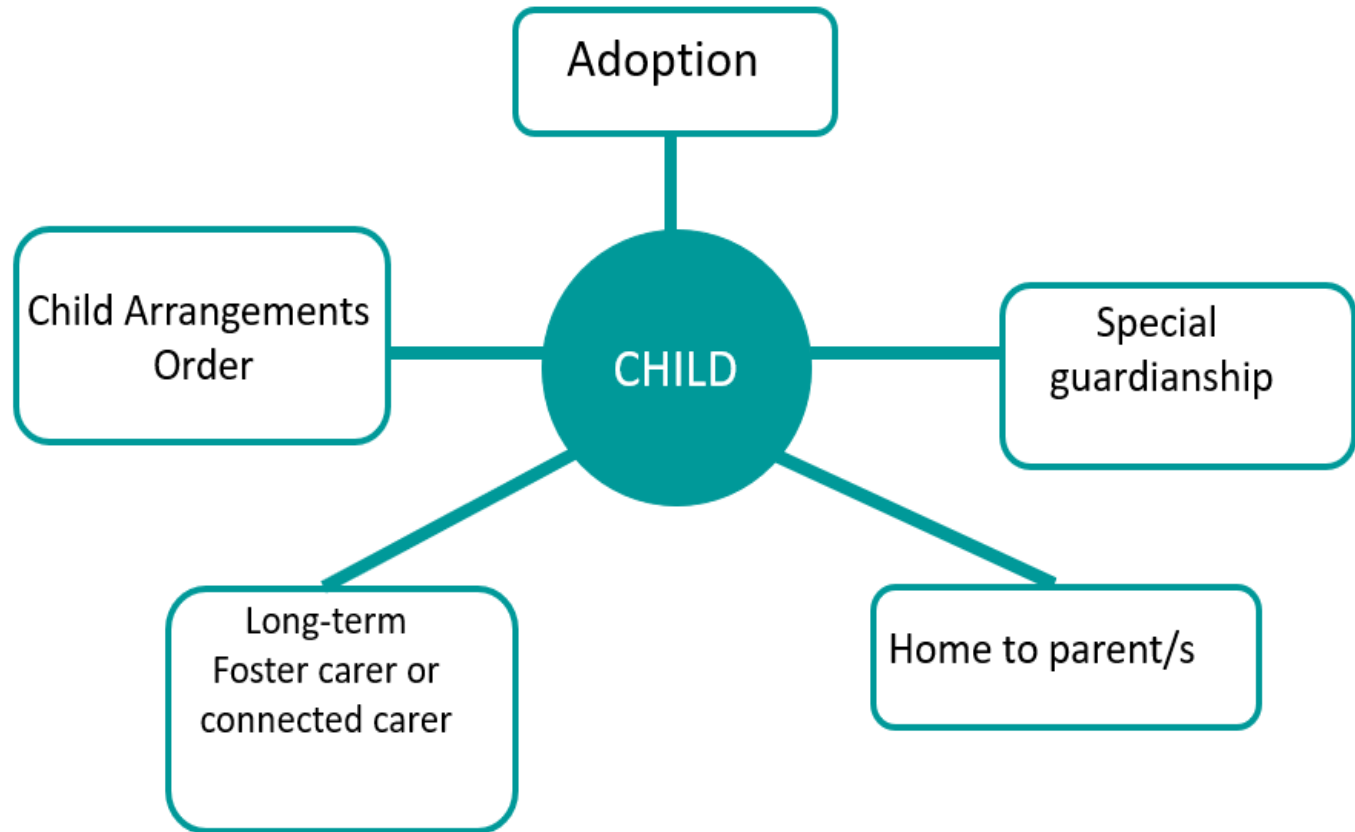


Permanence Planning

July 2023



Options for permanence in England and Wales



Why do children need Long-term foster care?

- Security
- Stability
- Being claimed
- Being accepted
- Have a sense of belonging
- Being loved/ someone is on my side
- I don't have to move again
- Social work involvement will reduce/ end- private life.



Family Finding Role

- To track all our children's permanence
- To ensure there is no drift or delay
- To ensure a child's long term needs are/will be met in placement
- Examining support needs
- This is achieved via regular permanency planning meetings
- Frequency of PPM's- as required!

Permanency Planning Meeting

- Accurate minutes with the most up to date information gathered
- Clear action plan- with timescales.
- The voice of the child to come through
- A space for quality information on that child's personality, the child's needs now and in the future
- If you were that child- what would you like to read about yourself?
- **Attended by: Foster carer, CSW, SSW, IRO, TM**

Two Separate Processes

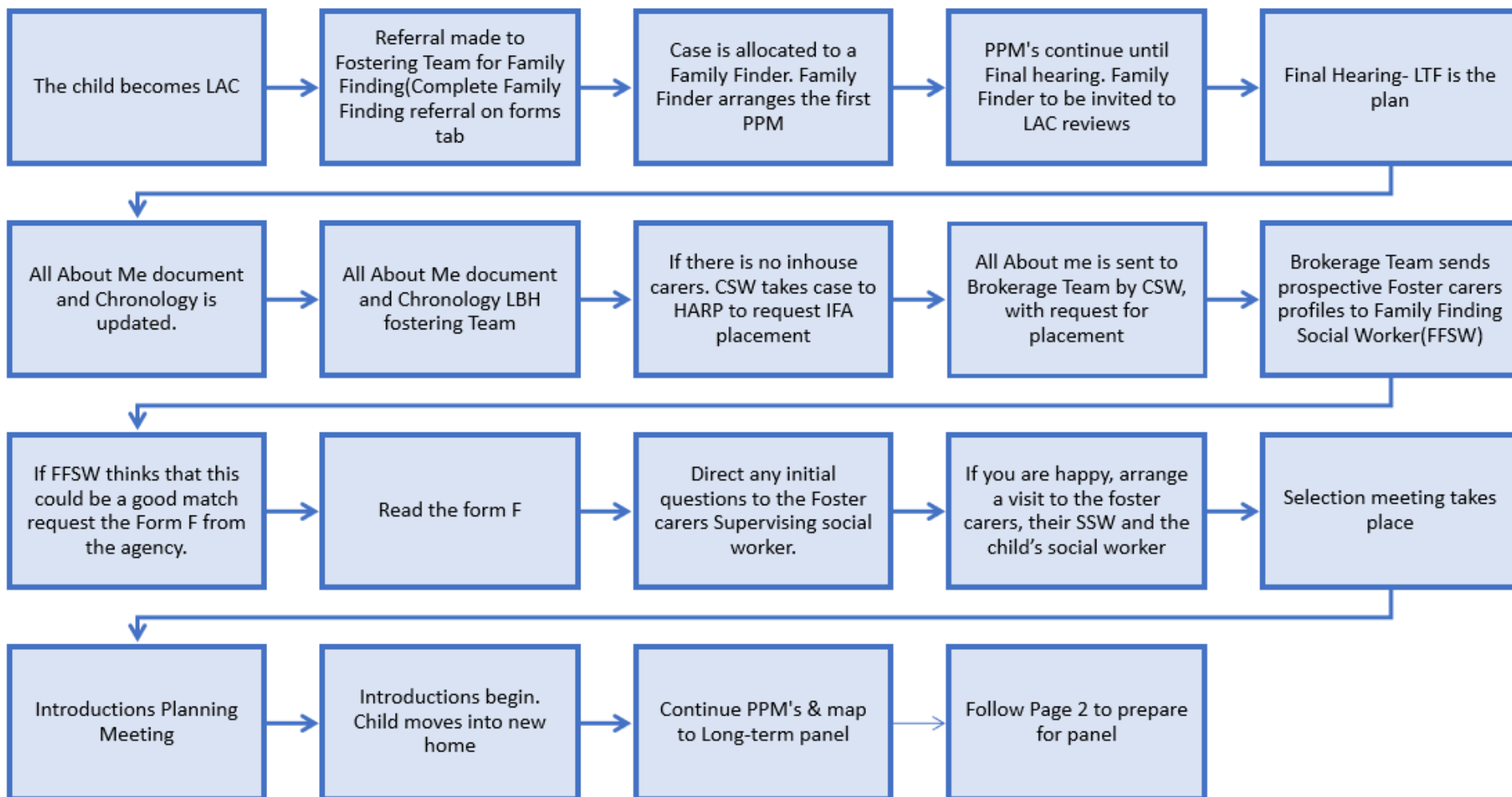
Under 11

- Family Finding and matching is carried out by a member of the fostering team
- A dedicated Family Finder
- Match is presented to the Matching Panel

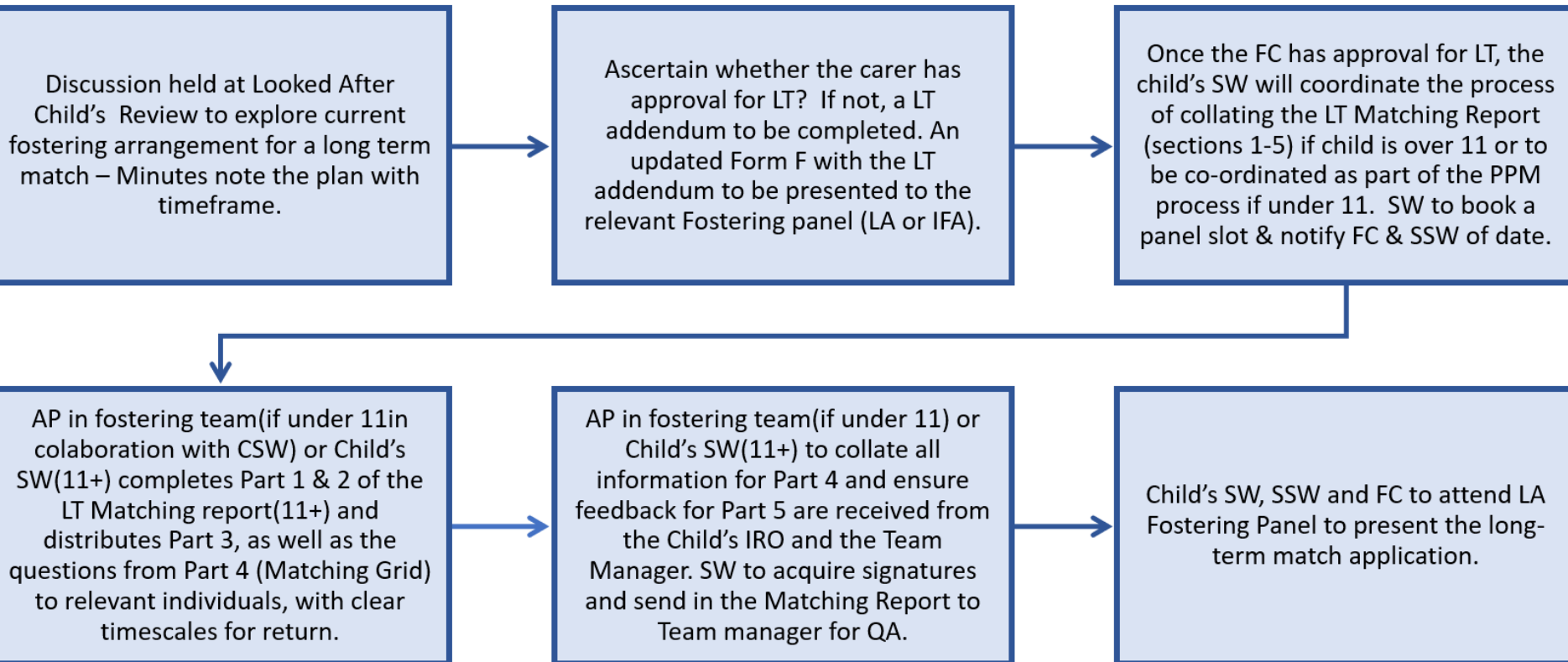
11 +

- Family Finding and Matching carried out by the Child's Social worker.
- Match is presented to Matching Panel

Long Term Matching Process for all children (Under 11 follow pages 1 and 2) (for children 11+ Social Worker only follows page 2)



Long Term Matching Process for children 11+ years



Remember

- We no longer need the CPR for family finding activities. We need detailed All About Me to start the process, and we will need the family chronology to share with prospective carers.
- The fostering agency does not require the CPR to approve the carer as long-term carer. If the agency wants more information about the child, then you can either use the All About Me or complete and send Section 1 of the matching report.
- If a foster placement breaks down before the child's 11th birthday, then the CSW should refer the case back to Family Finding so the PPM process can start again.
- This process does not apply to Connected Person Foster Placements – as those placements are already approved for the particular child placed.
- We would like children and young people to attend panel where possible and appropriate.