**Connected Person Flowchart for Child already in Care**

Child on ICO or S.20 and placed with foster carers or in a residential placement.

Relative or Friend identified as a possible connected person foster carer.

**If No**

Child cannot be placed.

**If Yes**

Child placed in a planned way with Connected Person.

Agency Decision Maker – Head of Fostering.

**Final Decision made**.

Agency Decision Maker – Head of Fostering

The Agency Decision Maker who makes decisions on Fostering Full Approvals (on the basis of recommendations of the Fostering Panel).

Full fostering assessment presented to the Fostering Panel for Recommendation.

The Full fostering assessment is completed jointly by the Child’s Social Worker and Fostering Social Worker. The Fostering Assessment team will initiate DBS checks, Adult Health reports and references.

As a planned move for a Child in Care Temporary approval cannot be used and a Full fostering assessment must be completed.

Child’s Social Worker to complete the Connected Persons Initial Viability Assessment Form and email the signed and agreed form to [connectedpersonreferrals@kent.gov.uk](mailto:connectedpersonreferrals@kent.gov.uk) to request a Full fostering assessment.

Arrangements to assess the prospective connected person for a planned placement must be agreed by the Service Manager responsible for the child and IRO consulted.

**If Yes**

Child placed in a planned way with Connected Person.

Placement Arrangement Meeting prior to placement.

**If No**

Representation can be made back to the Fostering Panel or the Independent Review Mechanism