## **Assessment and Approvals of Foster Carers**

## Local Information

## **Responding to Initial Enquiries**

Once an Application form is received the Enquiry Officer will update the records and inform the manager; who will allocate this to a qualified Social Worker to complete an initial assessment (Initial Visit).

Following the initial assessment a decision will be made by the Manager and the assessing social worker which will be communicated to the person concerned verbally and in writing, with reasons given, and the decision will be recorded. Where the decision is not to proceed the application will be closed.

Where the decision is to proceed, in agreement with the applicant/s, their application form will be formally accepted from this date to commence the fostering assessment and a Stage 1 agreement will be signed by the applicant/s and the Fostering Service.

For further information on Responding to Initial Enquiries, see Local Resources.

For Fostering Leaflet, Brochure and forms, see Local Resources.