Permanency Planning Meeting Guidance

**PRE-MEETING INFORMATION**

The following reports are to be obtained prior to the meeting:

* Genogram
* Chronology
* Edge of Care Panel Minutes
* Permanence Progression Panel Minutes
* LPM Report
* Court Orders
* LAC Review Outcomes
* Any other relevant assessments

**RECORD OF MEETING**

**ATTENDEES**

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| **Essential** | **Desirable** |
| Chairperson | IRO |
| Social Worker | Legal Guardian |
| Team Manager | Adoption |
|  | Kinship |
|  | Supervising Social Worker |
|  | Placements |

**VIEWS**

Views should be obtained and recorded.

**CONSIDERATION OF THE OPTIONS FOR PERMANENCY**

**1. What are we worried about? (Past harm, future danger or risk and complicating factors)**

**2. What’s working well? (Existing strengths, safety)**

**3. What needs to happen? (Future safety and stability, to include appropriate Court Orders)**

* Reunification with Parents
* Placement with extended family or kinship network. Consideration of Regulation 24 and SGO extended family members; or Child Arrangement Order.
* Long-term/Permanent Fostering (including considerations of Special Guardianship)
* Adoption
* Residential placement until maturity and independence/ semi-independence in the community.

*What contact arrangements would meet the child’s needs within a permanent placement*

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| **Contact With** | **Relationship to Child** | **Supervised /Unsupervised?** | **Frequency and Duration** | **Location** |
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**PRIMARY PLAN**

* Which option for permanence best meets the child’s needs?
* Are all parties in agreement?
* Is the plan likely to be contested?
* Does the plan require further legal action and what is the timescales for this?
* What needs to happen to achieve this plan?

**PARALLEL OR CONTINGENCY PLAN**

* Is the primary plan realistically achievable within the child’s time scale?
* Does a parallel plan have to be put in place to ensure that there is no delay in achieving permanency by a second route if the primary plan cannot be achieved?
* If so what should the parallel plan be?
* Is a contingency plan necessary (e.g. if proposed carers could no longer care for child)?
* If so what should the contingency plan be?

**FAMILY FINDING PROCESS**

* What kind of family is needed – Fostering/Adoption/Kinship
* Has a referral been made – Yes/No if not when will this be done? By who?

**OUTCOMES AND ACTIONS**

Set actions and timescales.