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| ***What We Can Offer?***  ***A SAFE SPACE TO***   * ***Talk about how you are feeling about what is happening*** * ***Help understand what an SGO means for you and your child/children*** * ***Ask questions (which we will do our best to answer as quickly as possible)*** * ***Help understand the contact system*** * ***Support to share important information about you and your child’s history and how it will be used.***   ***You’ll get 6-8 sessions set at your pace and follow up calls if you need them*** |  | ***How to Contact Us***  ***There are 2 ways to access this service:***   * ***A referral via your Child Care Team Social Worker.*** * ***Self-Referral:***   ***Call***  ***0116 454 6540***  ***Email***  ***Post-Adoption-CFST-Duty@leicester.gov.uk*** |  | INDEPENDENT & CONFIDENTIAL SUPORT FOR BIRTH PARENTS OF CHILDREN WHOSE PLAN IS SPECIAL GUARDIANSHIP |

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| ***WHY FIRST FAMILY SUPPORT?***  ***We know this period can be both confusing and distressing. First Family Support can help. The service is***   * ***Free*** * ***Confidential*** * ***Independent (not involved in Court Proceedings)***   ***First Family Support is for birth families (and their immediate families) whose children are being considered/placed for Special Guardianship Order by Leicester City Council.***  ***You can access this service at any point before, during or after the adoption has been made.*** |  | ***What We Cannot Do***   * ***We cannot change the plan for your child or stop the SGO*** * ***We cannot keep information confidential if it relates to the past or current concerns about the safety of children.*** * ***We also cannot represent you in court or give you any legal advice. However, we can advise you who to speak to about particular issues.*** |  | ***What Happens Next***  ***First Family Support is provided by the Children and Families Support Team***  ***We will offer you an appointment for your first session. This can be online, at our office in Leicester, a venue near where you live or even in your own home it’s appropriate.***  ***If a Social Worker is still involved with your child, we will speak to them to get a better understanding of your situation and court case.*** |