

# Flow Chart For Placements For Connected Persons

| <u>Version Control</u> |                          |  |                    |                    |
|------------------------|--------------------------|--|--------------------|--------------------|
| <u>Version Date</u>    | <u>Version Reference</u> | <u>Reviser</u>   | <u>Approved by</u> | <u>Review Date</u> |
| 21.10.2019             | 1.0                      | HOS Looked After &<br>Corporate Parenting –<br>Stuart Williams | SSMT               | 21.10.2019         |

## Flow Chart for Placements with Connected Persons

### Emergency / Immediate Placements

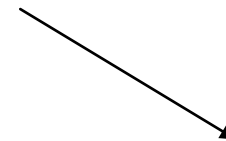
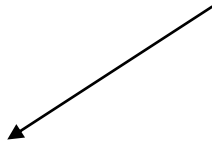
A Looked After Child is placed or considering being placed with a friend or a family member in an emergency situation.



Child's Social Worker to consider any obvious barriers to this placement progressing – this should include system checks and begin the PNC process.

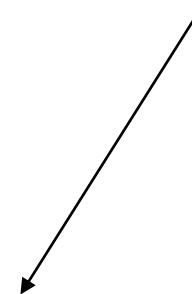


Child's Social Worker to send completed referral form, viability assessment (where applicable) and ALL above information to Fostering Team at:- [inhousefosteringreferrals@middlesbrough.gov.uk](mailto:inhousefosteringreferrals@middlesbrough.gov.uk)



### Planned Placements

At the earliest opportunity, i.e. PLO application the child's Social Worker identifies all prospective carers and undertakes viability assessments (**using attached template**) to determine whether a placement is potentially viable for a named child. The expectation is that there has been consideration for a Family Group Conference (FGC). This assessment includes data system checks and PNC checks. **Child's Social Worker to identify the most appropriate person and progress this assessment.**



Child's Social Worker and Fostering Duty Worker to undertake an initial visit to complete assessment (**using attached template**) for temporary approval. Fostering Worker to write up assessment sections relating to carer's ability to provide adequate care and Child's Social Worker to add views and opinions on the suitability of the placement for the child and recommendations within 24 hours. In the event a Fostering Duty Worker is not available then the assessment **must** be completed by the child's social worker and triaged by the Fostering TM/ATM prior to submission for approval. All submissions for approval must include PNC checks for all adults residing in the property.

HoS to monitor situations where there was no Duty Worker from Fostering available to ensure that there continues to be sufficient resource to manage demand. **Only in exceptional circumstances must this piece of work be completed without fostering duty worker.**

Full Fostering Assessment Form C to be completed by fostering worker and child's Social Worker (birth parent and child sections).

Temporary approval assessment to be considered by Stuart Williams – Head of Service, Looked After Children and Corporate Parenting.

Family Placement Panel to be attended by Fostering and child's Social Workers and applicants to consider the full approval of Connected Persons Foster Carers.

Temporary Approval not granted

Temporary approval granted -

- permits the child to be placed for up to 16 weeks (from the date the child was placed).
- possible to get an 8 week extension in exceptional circumstances.
- Payments equivalent to fostering rates should be paid by the children's social work teams until full approval.
- Child's Social Worker undertakes weekly visits to the child for the first 4 weeks of the placement, further visits take place at no longer than 4 weekly until the carer is fully approved.

Care Planning Meeting to be convened by child's Social Worker and must include Risk Assessment to consider the options. If issues or concerns arise following temporary approval case to be redirected to Head of Service, Looked After Children for consideration.

Recommendation made by Panel and referred to ADM to be ratified within 7 working days.

Child placed upon recommendation being made.

Placement Planning Meeting and Delegated Authority Meeting to be held within 5 days of child being placed.

↓

Child's Social Worker to record temp approval on child's LCS record.  
Fostering Social Worker to record on carers file.

↓

Connected Persons foster carer to sign temporary approval Agreement.

↓

Child's Social Worker to arrange Placement Planning Meeting and Delegated Authority Meeting to be held within 5 days of child being placed.

↓

Full Fostering Assessment Form C to be completed by fostering worker and child's Social Worker (birth parent and child sections).

↓

Family Placement Panel to be attended by fostering and child's Social Workers and applicants to consider the full approval of Connected Persons Foster Carers.

↓

If temporary approval is not granted, but the care plan is for the child to remain their – the risk assessment and decision must be considered and agreed by HoS for that area.

↓

Family Placement Team assume financial responsibility for placement. Role of supervising social worker continues around training and support for the duration of their approval. Foster carer agreement to be completed.



Recommendation made by Panel and referred to ADM to be ratified within 7 working days.



Family Placement Team assume financial responsibility for placement. Role of Supervising Social Worker continues around training and support for the duration of their approval. Foster carer agreement updated.

END