**Connected Person Flowchart for Child Placed in**

**Exceptional and Unforeseen Circumstances Only**

Has the threshold to accommodate been met?

If yes If no

Refer for urgent family meeting or FGC to identify family plan for alternative care alternative care

If family meeting or FGC already taken place and relative or friend suggested by family proceed to viability assessment

Timescale within 24 hrs of child being placed unless over a w/e then within 24 hrs of 1st working day

Connected person pack to be given to prospective carers

Viability assessment to be completed by relevant Social Worker (s)

Temporary approval request goes to ADM for fostering (if approved – placement is for up to 16 weeks whilst full fostering assessment completed by Fostering Social Worker). NB This is the time period to allow sufficient time for assessment as set out in statutory guidance

8 week extension is possible in exceptional circumstances via the ADM

If assessment still isn’t completed after 8 wk extension or if carers are not approved by fostering panel then child must be removed

Social Worker to ensure the signed temporary approval and Form C viability assessment is on [Grab your reader’s attention with a great quote from the document or use this space to emphasize a key point. To place this text box anywhere on the page, just drag it.]

Fostering Service file and the child’s file

Full form C assessment completed jointly with child’s Social Worker and Fostering Social Worker

Child remains with connected person carers

Case back to Decision Maker

Child would need to be moved to alternative foster carers

Case taken to Fostering Panel – attended by both child’s Social Worker and Fostering Social Worker

Can make representation to either Panel or the Independent Review Mechanism

If no If yes

Case to Agency Decision Maker

Child remains with connected person carers