**Initial Assessment of a Foster Carer’s expression of Interest to adopt a child in their care**

**Foster Carers:**

**Address:**

**DOB:**

**1. GENERAL**

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| Date of visit(s): |  |
| Adoption Social Worker: |  |
| Childs Social Worker’s: |  |
| Purpose of visit |  |

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| **Brief Details of the child’s history and plans:**  Inc their wishes and feelings and understanding of the plans |

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| **2. ASSESSMENT OF PROSPECTIVE CARER(S)**  The information being sought is to identify any issues that would be relevant and have implications for a potential assessment of the carers as prospective adoptive parents.  **Background information:** |
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| **Motivation and reasons, they wish to adopt this child/ren** |
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| **Foster carer(s)’ understanding of adoption**   |  | | --- | |  |   **Views of other members of the household** |
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| **Long term plans in relation to their fostering role – any implications for the child**   |  | | --- | |  |   **Physical/mental health issues of prospective carer(s)** |
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| **Relationship(s)/marriage(s)** |
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| **Family and support networks** |
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**Other Considerations**

The view of the fostering social worker

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The view of the IRO

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Views of the birth parents of the plan for adoption. Birth parents’ knowledge of the placement and any associated risks , how they may be mitigated

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**3. ANALYSIS OF STRENGTHS AND CONCERNS**

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| **Strengths** |
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| **Vulnerabilities** |
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| **4. RECOMMENDATION/CONCLUSION OF SOCIAL WORKERS**  **Recommendation** |
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| **Legal Advice** |
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**Signed:**

**Date:**