One Minute Guide

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Regulation 24/25

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**What is Regulation 24?**

This is the process of approving a Connected Person as a Temporary Foster Carer for a period not exceeding 16 weeks in accordance with **Regulation 24 of the Care Planning, Placement & Case Review (England) Regulations 2010 (CPPCRRegs2010).**

An extension may be requested for a further 8 weeks under Regulation 25 and presented to Panel who will consider whether the request is reasonable.

 **What do I need to consider?**

* A viability assessment must be completed and approved by the Nominated Officer before a child is placed – this must be consistent with Schedule 4 (CPPCR Regs).
* Where it is likely that this may be required, the assessment can be completed before the child becomes looked after and should be considered as part of CP Planning where there is a significant risk of the child becoming looked after. The approval can be sought when it is actually required however, it should be clear if the applicant is likely to be approved on the basis of the evidence obtained throughout the assessment before seeking approval
* The viability assessment should be completed with reference to the Fostering National Minimum Standards and must evidence whether the applicant meets the Standards.
* Before a child is placed in a Connected Persons Placement – the GM must agree that this is the most suitable placement for the child – this is a critical decision as moving the child later may be detrimental to the child’s development.
* Approval permits the placement of a looked after child – (who can only be placed in a regulated placement) for a period not exceeding 16 weeks (an extension of 8 weeks can be requested at Panel under Regulation 25).
* This process should only be used in exceptional circumstances where it has not been possible to complete a full assessment and not routinely.
* If a child is placed with a Connected Person without the carers being approved and the child is looked after – this is an unregulated placement.