REPORT FOR TEMPORARY APPROVAL

AS A FOSTER CARER (REGULATION 25A

CARE PLANNING, PLACEMENT AND

REVIEW REGULATIONS)

Details of agency completing the assessment

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| **Name of agency** |  |
| **Address** |  |
| **Postcode** |  |
| **Telephone** |  | **Fax** |  |
| **Name of social worker** |  | **Name of team manager** |  |
| **Telephone** |  | **Telephone** |  |
| **Minicom** |  | **Minicom** |  |
| **Fax** |  | **Fax** |  |
| **Email** |  | **Email** |  |
| **Date report completed** |  |

The child

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| **Child’s name** |  |
| **Child’s date of birth** |  |
| **Agency reference number** |  |

The applicant/s

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| **Name (Applicant 1)** |  |
| **Name (Applicant 2)** |  |
| **Agency reference number** |  |
| **Home address** |
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| **Town** |  | **Postcode** |  |

Agency decision

I am satisfied that placing *name of child* with *name of carer/s* is the most appropriate placement for the child, and it is in the child’s best interests to be placed with them,

I am satisfied that the carer/s are suitable to care for *name of child* as a foster carer, and

I consider that placing *name of child* with *name of carer/s* will safeguard and promote the child’s welfare and meet the child’s needs as set out in their care plan.

**I approve the above applicant/s as foster carers for a temporary period in compliance with Regulation 25a of the Care Planning, Placement and Case Review Regulations (2010).**

In accordance with Regulation 25A(3), the temporary approval will be terminated when any of the following situations apply:

• the local authority terminates the placement of the child with the prospective adopter/s;

• the prospective adopter’s approval to adopt is terminated;

• the prospective adopter/s is fully approved as a foster carer under the 2011 Regulations;

• the prospective adopter/s gives notice to the local authority that they no longer wish to be temporarily approved as foster carer for the child;

• the child is placed for adoption with the approved prospective adopter/s in accordance with the Adoption and Children Act 2002.

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| **Signed** |  |
| **Print name** |  |
| **Position** |  |
| **Date** |  |

Notifications

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| **Date temporary foster carers informed of decision** |  |
| **Date birth mother informed of decision** |  |
| **Date birth father informed of decision** |  |

**SUPPORTING INFORMATION**

**Information on the child and the plan for the child**

The information available on the child will vary according to the circumstances of the case.

Checklist of information included as appropriate (delete as necessary):

Copy of child’s care plan Y/N

Copy of most recent LAC Review Y/N

Copy of Child Permanence Report (CPR) (where completed) Y/N

Copy of APR/matching report ( where completed) Y/N

Medical information/medical adviser’s summary (where available) Y/N

Other reports Y/N If yes, give details

**Additional information (if not included in above paperwork)**

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| Current legal status and progress of any proceedings. If the child is voluntarily accommodated under section 20 and the birth parents do not agree to the placement, details of whether and when care proceedings will be commenced. |
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| Reasons for proposing a fostering for adoption placement, including confirmation that a return to the child’s birth parents is unlikely, including efforts to identify and trace the birth father if appropriate, and that there are no suitable extended family members or connected people who could provide a permanent placement for the child, and what efforts have been made to locate suitable relatives. |
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| Wishes and feelings of the child in relation to any proposed plans (where old enough to state) |
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| Birth parents’ understanding of the proposed placement and any views expressed |
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| Confirmation that the Independent Reviewing Officer (IRO) is aware of the plan and their views |
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| Any views expressed by the Children’s Guardian or the court on the proposed plan |
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| Social worker’s assessment of why placing the child with the proposed carer/s is the most appropriate placement for the child, and why it is in the child’s best interests to be placed with them |
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| Social worker’s assessment of how the proposed placement will safeguard and promote the child’s welfare and meet their needs as set out in the care plan.  |
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**Information on the prospective FFA carer**

Copy of Prospective Adopter’s Report (PAR) July 2013 or BAAF Form PAR (Concurrent planning and FFA carers) England 2015 to be attached to this report.

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| **Date of panel recommendation** |
| **Details of any advice from the panel** |
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| **Date of agency decision-maker (ADM) approval as adopter/s** |
| **Details of any advice from ADM** |
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**Additional information**

*NB. The BAAF Form PAR (Concurrent planning and FFA carers) England 2015 covers the required information about the suitability of prospective adopters as temporary foster carers for a specific child. Where this has not been completed, the following additional information linked to the sections of the PAR should be provided.*

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| **Relationships and support networks**What impact would a FFA placement have on any household members, including any birth or adopted children? What is their understanding of the potential placement? What support might they need? |
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| What discussions have there been with the applicant’s extended family and support network about the FFA placement? What are their views and what support can they offer? |
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| **The home, financial circumstances and lifestyle**What discussions have there been about financial considerations and the applicant’s eligibility for Reg 22c statutory pay and leave during the FFA placement (from April 2015)? What financial support will the agency be providing, including fostering allowances?  |
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| Have the applicant/s thought about the impact on their lifestyle of the additional demands of the fostering role?  |
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| **Motivation and expectations of placement**What are the considerations and motivations that have led the applicant/s to consider offering a FFA placement? Have they considered the impact on them and their family of the potential loss of a child if they return to the care of their birth family, even if this is considered not to be the likely outcome of court proceedings?  |
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| **Understanding of the needs of adopted children and adoptive parenting capacity**What information have they received aboutthe child? Do they have an understanding of any developmental and health uncertainties linked to the child’s genetic heritage and their pre-birth and early experiences? Have they met the LA medical adviser? |
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| **Understanding of the role of a foster carer** What are the applicant’s expectations of the fostering role? What discussions have there been about the agency’s or local authority’s expectations of them as a foster carer, e.g. expectations of recording, confidentiality, attending meetings, the lack of parental responsibility and delegated authority?  |
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| How will they manage the competing demands and priorities as a foster carer? How will the applicant/s work in partnership with professionals? Have they thought about the impact on them of the additional scrutiny of professionals and expectations of them through the fostering period?  |
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| How will the applicant/s manage the expectations of them in supporting contact and working with the child’s birth family, including any potential relative carers identified after the FFA placement begins? |
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| **Preparation and training for the fostering role**What individual or group training has been provided? What further areas of training or support have been identified for the carer/s? How will the agency ensure a tailored programme for the TDS standards which is appropriate to their fostering role in respect of this child? |
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| Analysis of all key factors leading to the recommendation for approval as a temporary foster carerThis should identify the strengths, vulnerabilities and any areas identified for support or for the applicant’s further development as a FFA carer. |
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