



Going Home & Lifelong Links Pathway

Living away from home to complete within 72 hrs:

Placement information
plan

Placement planning
meeting

Within 20 days:
'Children we care for'
review



Critical Conversations. Confirm Going Home / Support pathway with:

Birth parents /
carers

Foster carers

Wider Family

Professional
network / MD
Team / IRO



Build Strengths - (within 60 days) consider:

Family Group
Conference

Restorative Circle

Reflective space /
Rethink



Review 'Going Home' plan within:

'Children we care for'
review meetings

MD supervision

Legal meetings



Plan to go home within
6-12 months

Plan to go home post 6 - 12
months, proceedings concluded &
settled placement

Progress 'Going Home & Lifelong
Links' pathway
(Stage 2)

Complete Transfer Checklist.
Transfer to BYF's team

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Transition to 'Building Your Futures'

'Going Home' tracker meeting to review:

- Transfer Checklist.
- 'Children we care for' plan & Placement plan.
- Family time calendar.
- Consider 'Lifelong Links.'

Going Home plan within 1 year:

Complete 'Going Home' Initial Restorative Conversation

Active Going Home plan:

Progress 'Going Home & Lifelong Links' pathway.
(Stage 2)

'Going Home' plan
post 1 year:

Review 'Children we care for' plan within:

- 'Going Home' Tracker meeting.
- 'Children we care for' review meetings
- Supervision
- SAF review

Maintain:

- Critical conversations
- Lifelong Links / strengthening family relationships.



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Active 'Going Home' plan

Complete

- Initial MDT decision making meeting
- 'Going Home' plan
- 'Going Home' Tracker review



Review 'Children we care for' plan within:

- 'Children we care for' review meetings.
- MD supervision.
- Legal meetings.
- Weekly 'Going Home' Tracker meeting.
- Regular Going Home network meetings.



Complete Assessments. Consider:

- SAF
- Reg. 18
- Capacity to Care Parenting Assessment
- Sibling Assessments – Together or Apart

'Family Time'. Consider:

- An increase in family time.
- Review of family time schedule in 'Children we care for' reviews & family time review meetings .
- Consider Lifelong Links referral.



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Going Home within 12 months or less

Critical Conversations: Review 'Going Home' plan with:

- Young person/Child
- Parents/Carers
- Foster Carers
- Wider Family
- Professional Network



Build Strengths. Consider:

- Restorative Circle.
- Family Group Conference.
- Rethink / Reflective Space.
- Parent / Carer Support Groups / Homestart (under 5's).



'Going Home' Within 60 days to home:

- Review Parenting Assessment / SAF / Reg 18.
- Consider discharge of care orders with legal advice.
- Update 'Going Home' tracker.
- Prioritise 'Going Home' network meetings.
- Agree contingency plan.
- Seek Deputy Director agreement.
- Consider management of relationship 'endings' for children, including planning celebrations of new beginnings.

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Children / young people living at home

Critical conversations:

Review progress & plan with personal & professional network.

Progress discharge of Care Order with legal advice

Care Order remains in place.

Building Your Futures

Review:

- 'Going Home' & 'Children we care for' Plan.
- Contingency plan.
- Support to access parent support groups.
- Assessments.

Review plan within:

- 'Going Home' Network meetings.
- 'Children we care for' reviews.
- MD supervisions.

(Progress Stage 3)

Discharge of Order / No legal status.

BYF's / FS&S

Complete final 'Children we care for' review.

Support under CIN & Review:

- SAF.
- 'Going Home' & Family Plan.
- Contingency plan.
- Support to access parent support groups.
- Post 16 – consider 'care experienced' support / entitlement.

Progress to Closure



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Closure

Build Strengths:

Review contingency & support plan with key partners. Consider:

- Restorative Circle.
- Rethink/Reflective Space.
- Family Group Conference.



Support to 'Early Help' / Targeted services:

Agree step down & sustainability plan:

- Identify lead professional.
- Complete hand over meetings/ conversations.
- Share 'Going Home' plan.
- Agree contingency & support plan.
- Support to access parent support groups.