**Regulation 24 assessment – child needs to be placed in emergency/imminently**

**The child should not be placed until assessment is completed and authorised**

**Carers are** **approved -** allocated a Support and Supervision Fostering SW

**Court decision**

**Carers are not approved as foster carers** –

child’s SW seeks legal advice.

*Carers may choose* ***IRM*** *if disagree with ADM decision.*

SGO assessment & support plan

*If IRM is chosen, Reg 24 temporary approval remains in place until IRM decision.*

**Court decision**

QA by Fostering Manager; Sign off by Placements Service Manager/HoS

**Stage 1**

Initial Screening – desk top exercise; Carefirst & PNC checks;

(Child’s Social Worker)

Decision whether to proceed

***Regulation 25;*** *eight weeks extension can be sought via Foster Panel, in exceptional circumstances*

**Foster Panel & recommendation**

**Agency Decision Maker**

Full fostering assessment of connected person within 16 weeks

Child is placed

**Regulation 24 temporary fostering approval granted** for up to 16 weeks by

Head of Service (Care, Placements and EDS)

**Regulation 24 approval NOT granted**

LAC child cannot be placed with the carers.

Child’s SW seeks legal advice about other options – CAO/SGO

**Stage 2**

Reg 24 assessment visit by Fostering Worker & Child’s Social Worker.

Assessment is written up by Fostering SW

Assessment sent to HoS (Care, Placements & EDS) for authorisation