



Supporting the fostering tasks of Fostering for Adoption carers.

Placement with Adopt South West Adopters

The foster carers/prospective adopters have been recruited and assessed and approved as adopters by the adoption service. They are approved as temporary foster carers for a specific child, (Reg 25A) by the child's Local Authority, therefore the LA fostering service have a shared duty towards them and must guide the carers on the LA expectations of foster care, their processes, documents, payments etc.

At Transitions meeting the Fostering worker from the relevant LA will complete the Foster Carer agreement and any other relevant agency paperwork regarding the foster carer role with the fostering for adoption carers.

The child's social worker is to complete all notifications in accordance with the Care Planning Regulations, taking care to ensure that placement details are confidential.

From this point the adoption social worker fulfils the role of fostering social worker and will undertake all duties assigned to this role. The LA should provide a named Fostering SW to be available to advise/consult with.

The Fostering For Adoption carers will receive fostering allowances according to each LA's policy. Under the fostering for adoption arrangement they are not eligible for any additional fostering fee, as their primary approval is as adopters.

As such they will therefore not be entitled to any transitional payment once the placement becomes an adoptive arrangement.

Placement with adopters approved by another agency.

if the placement is with Reg 25a carers approved by another Adoption agency other than Adopt South West, then, as it is the child's Local Authority that provides that approval, the child's LA fostering team should provide a named fostering social worker to the adoption agency who will provide the additional support described above



Placing a child with unapproved adopters under Connected Persons Regulations

if a Local Authority places a child under connected carers with an unapproved adopter then it remains the Local Authority's responsibility to provide a fostering social worker to support the fostering role. Once the family are approved as adopters and the status changes to fostering for adoption regulations, then a named link person in the fostering should be available as above.

Joint training needs should be considered both in the adoption team, and in the fostering services.

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