



WHEN TO VISIT CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE IN CARE

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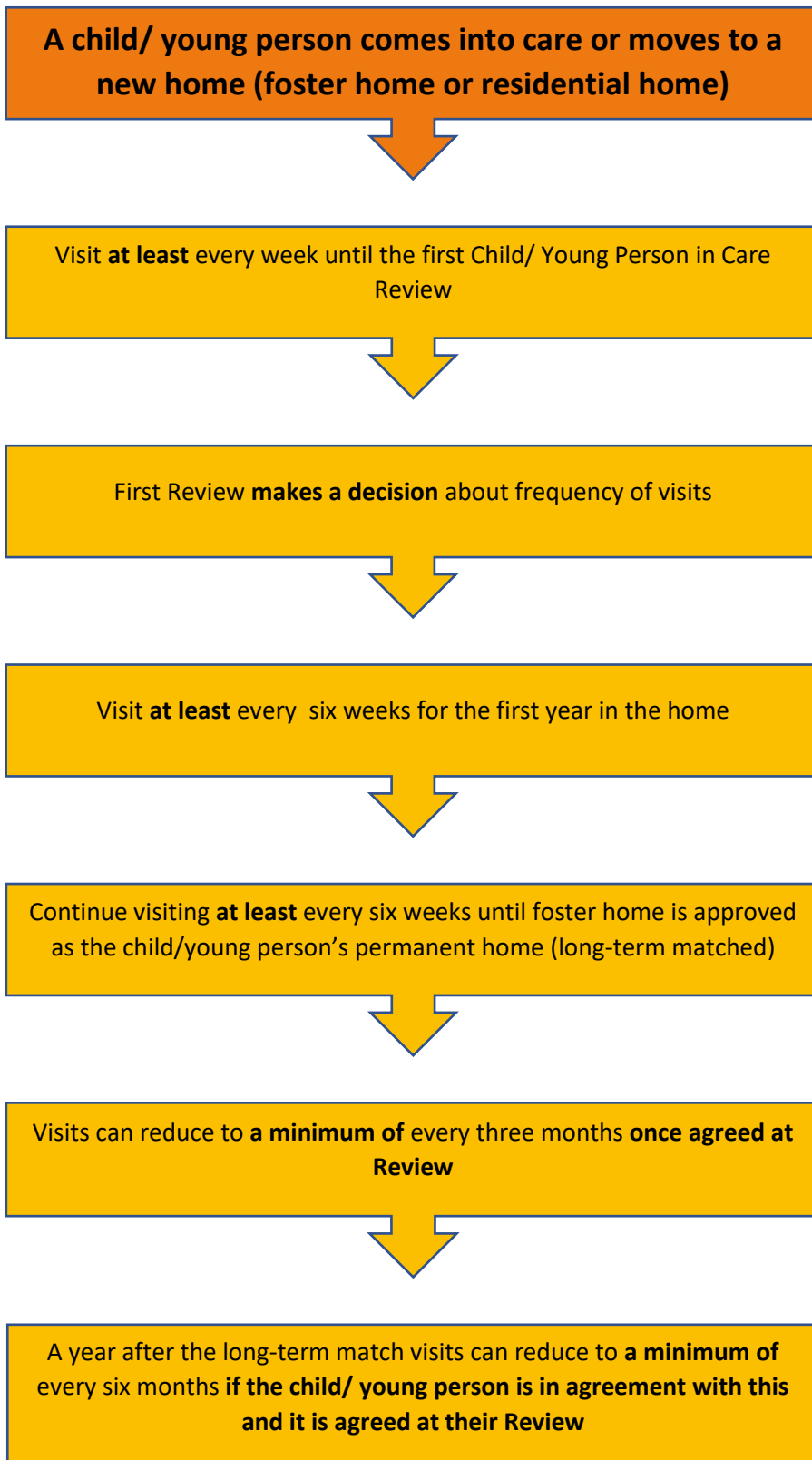
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- If a complaint is received from the child/ young person or someone else about the standards of care
- If there is a proposal to move them from a home because of concerns about their welfare.

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A child/ young person is living with their parents under an Interim Care Order/ Care Order



Visit **at least** every week until the first Child/ Young Person in Care Review



First Review **makes a decision** about frequency of visits



Visit **at least** every four weeks until the final Care Hearing



Care Order granted, including placement with parents



Visit **within a week** of the Care Order



Where Reg. 17 assessment has not been completed, visit **at least** every week until the first Review and then **at a minimum of** every six weeks



Where Reg. 17 assessment has been completed, visit **at least** every six weeks until the care order ends

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A child/ young person is living with a temporarily approved connected persons carer (under Reg. 24)

Visit **at least** every week until the first child/ young person in care Review

First Review **makes a decision** about frequency of visits

Visit **at least** every four weeks until the carer is approved

Carer is approved as a foster carer

Visit **at least** every six weeks for the first year

Visits continue **at minimum of** every six weeks until the home is approved as the child/ young person's **permanent home** (long-term matched)

Visits can reduce to a **minimum of** every three months **once agreed at Review**

After a year visits can reduce to a **minimum of** six-monthly **if the child/ young person is in agreement with this and it is agreed at their Review**

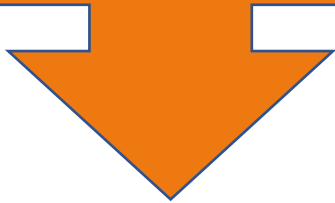
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A child/ young person in care is under 16
OR 16 -17 with care needs rather than needs for
support towards independence
and is living in unregulated provision

**(THIS SHOULD ONLY EVER BE IN
EXCEPTIONAL CIRCUMSTANCES)**



Visit **daily** in the first week via a co-ordinated rota of visits spread across
all professionals involved with the child/ young person



If the child/ young person remains in the unregulated placement beyond
7 days a further Care Planning Meeting will take place, chaired by HoS,
and **the visiting schedule reviewed.**



Care Planning meetings will take place **weekly** while the child/ young
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A child/ young person is in care and living in accommodation not provided by the local authority (e.g. a sentenced child in secure accommodation or young offenders institution)_



Visit **within a week** of the child/ young person moving into the accommodation, and **within a week** of any **changes** in living arrangements



Visit **at least** every six weeks for first year in accommodation



Visit **at least** every three months in subsequent years

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A child/ young person comes into care or moves to a new home (foster home or residential home)	A child/ young person is living with their parents under an Interim Care Order/ Care Order	A child/ young person is living with a temporarily approved connected persons carer (under Reg. 24)	A child/young person under 16 or a young person 16 – 17 years old with care needs living in an unregulated placement (THIS SHOULD ONLY EVER BE IN EXCEPTIONAL CIRCUMSTANCES)	A child/ young person is in care and living in accommodation not provided by the local authority (e.g. a sentenced child in secure accommodation or young offenders institution)_
Visit within a week of the Child/ Young Person moving in. (This is a statutory requirement - the Trust Practice Standard is a visit within 3 days)	Visit at least every week until the first Child/ Young Person in Care Review	Visit at least every week until the first Child/ Young Person in Care Review	Visit daily in the first week via a co-ordinated rota of visits spread across all professionals involved with the child/ young person	Visit within a week of the child/ young person moving into the accommodation, and within a week of any changes in living arrangements
Visit at least every week until the first Child/ Young Person in Care Review	First Review makes a decision about frequency of visits	First Review makes a decision about frequency of visits	If the child/young person remains in placement beyond 7 days a further Care Planning Meeting will take place, chaired by HoS, and the visiting schedule reviewed.	Visit at least every six weeks for first year in accommodation
First Review makes a decision about frequency of visits	Visit at least every four weeks until the final Care Hearing	Visit at least every four weeks until the carer is approved	Care Planning meetings will take place weekly while the child/ young person remains in unregulated provision, and visiting schedule reviewed.	Visit at least every three months in subsequent years

Visit at least every six weeks for the first year in the home	Care Order granted, including placement with parents	Carer is approved as a foster carer		
Continue visiting at least every six weeks until foster home is approved as child/young person's permanent home (long-term matched)	Visit within a week of the Care Order	Visit at least every six weeks for the first year		
Visits can reduce to a minimum of every three months once agreed at Review	Where Reg. 17 assessment has not been completed, visit at least every week until the first Review and then at a minimum of every six weeks	Visits continue at minimum of every six weeks until the home is approved as the child/young person's permanent home (long-term matched)		
A year after the long-term match visits can reduce to a minimum of every six months if the child/young person is in agreement with this and it is agreed at their Review	Where reg. 17 assessment has been completed, visit at least every six weeks until the care order ends	Visits can reduce to a minimum of every three months once agreed at Review		
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