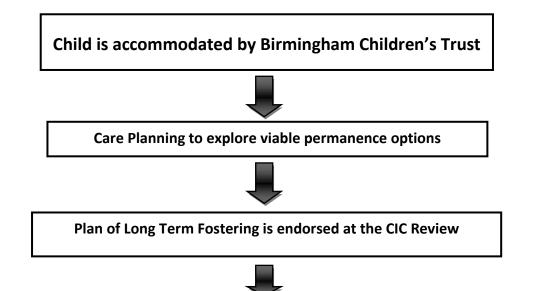


Practice Hub Flow Chart

Long Term Fostering 'Matching with Current Carers'



Matches with Current Carers

Child's Social Worker has a discussion with the Fostering Social Worker to explore the viability of the proposed longterm match. Where the decision is to proceed to a match, the Child's SW will chair -a matching meeting and discuss the strengths and vulnerabilities of the match and identify how any support needs will be addressed. The child's SW will complete a matching report. If the carers are not approved as long-term carers, the Fostering Social Worker will ensure the change in approval is processed at the earliest opportunity and prior to the matching meeting.



Child is aged 13 or under

The suitability of the long-term match should be set out in the matching meeting report, the CIC review documentation, Care Plan, the foster carer's annual review and minutes of the ADM decision approval and terms of approval.

This paperwork will be sent to the Area Assistant Director to agree the long-term fostering match.

If the AD agrees the long-term match the child's Social Worker will complete the notifications (for Area Business Support and Placements Service) and will record the decision and update the child's placement status on their electronic file.

Child is aged 14 or older

The suitability of the long-term match should be set out in the matching report, the CIC review documentation, Care Plan, the foster carer's annual review and minutes of the ADM decision approval and terms of approval.

The paperwork will be sent to the Area Head of Service to agree the long-term fostering match.

If the Area Head of Service agrees the long-term match the child's Social Worker will complete the notifications (for Area Business Support and Placements Service) and will update the child's placement status on their electronic file.

LONG TERM MATCH AGREED