

Practice Hub Flow Chart - 'Matching with New Carers'

Child is accommodated by Birmingham Children's Trust



Care Planning to explore viable permanence options



Plan of Long term Fostering is endorsed at the CIC Review



Matches with New Carers - Family Finding

Child's Social Worker completes the Long Term Fostering Permanence Report or provides an updated Child Permanence Report and submits it to the Family Finding Service. Family Finder is allocated.



Matching Meeting

If the Family Finder identifies possible long term carers for the child/ren, the Family Finding Worker will chair a matching meeting and discuss the strengths and vulnerabilities of the match and complete the matching report if a match is agreed.



Child is aged 13 or under

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.

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

If the Area AD agrees the long-term match the Family Finder completes the Notification of Placement for both internal and external matches and sends to Adoption and Fostering Business Support and the Placements Service.

Child's Social Worker updates child's 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.

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

If the Area HoS agrees the long-term match the Family Finder completes the Notification of Placement for both internal and external matches and sends to Adoption and Fostering Business Support and the Placements Service.

Child's Social Worker updates child's file.



