**SUPPORT and SUPERVISION AGREEMENT FORM**

**Purpose of Supervision**

The Supervising Social Worker will aim to ensure through support and supervision that:

* foster children are receiving care which is safe and enhances outcomes for them and that foster carers are receiving the support they need
* foster carers are aware of, understand, accept and operate within Children’s Services standards, policies, procedures and guidance as well as the Fostering National Minimum Standards 2011

**Frequency of support and supervision**

The Supervising Social Worker will provide support and supervision as below:

* Newly approved foster carers - fortnightly support visits for a minimum of 2 months after approval has been given.
* Subsequently monthly supervision.
* Permanent foster carers or those providing only occasional respite –supervision visits may be varied from the usual expectation in agreement with the Supervising Social Worker’s line manager and the carers. In these circumstances the agreed visiting pattern and the reasons will be recorded on the carers' record.

We agree the following:

1. To work in an open and honest way.

2. If supervision dates/times are cancelled this is done in good time (whenever possible) and an alternative agreed.

3. To work in partnership with one another,

4. To deal with any issues/differences through discussion.

5. To explore anti-racist and anti-discriminatory values as well as levels of

competence.

6. To bring to supervision individual agendas and agree priorities.

7. To record the main points of the session/agree the content and one copy kept on file another given to the carer(s).

8. To review this agreement again following a successful annual review.

This agreement is between:

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………………………………………….. Foster Carer on ……………………………….………

Period Start Date:

Supervision/Support Date Scheduled Date Carried Out

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Date of foster carers next review …………………………………………..

Signed …………………………………………………………….. (Supervising Social Worker)

Signed ……………………………………………………. (Fostering Carer)

Signed ……………………………………………………. (Fostering Carer)