

Children looked after under a SGO and in receipt of Kinship Services where there are concerns of significant harm/likely to suffer significant harm

- The primary assessment for children looked after under a SGO and their carers is the kinship assessment of support needs.
- EHAs received at Somerset Direct where Kinship is involved are logged by Somerset Direct and sent through to the Kinship LCS Tray.
- Each child and special guardian in receipt of kinship support services should have an assessment of their support needs in date within 6 months.

Concerns identified that the child, in the care of a Special Guardian, is suffering (or likely to suffer) significant harm

Yes

Kinship Team Manager leads Strategy discussion to decide whether threshold is met to initiate enquiries under S47 (Children Act 1989).

An area Assessment Team Manager and/or area Duty Social Worker should always be invited if there are any children not subject to an SGO (birth children)

S47 threshold met (children at risk of significant harm)?

Yes

Are there any children in the family who are not the subject of an SGO (birth children)?

Yes

S47 enquiries allocated to SW in area Assessment Team to be completed, along with Child & Family Assessment.

Children's Social Care involvement follows usual processes/procedures.
If no further Children's Social Care involvement is required in relation to safeguarding/acute needs, responsibility for support will step back to Kinship Team, who should review the Special Guardianship support assessment/support plan.

No

S47 enquiries allocated to SW in Kinship Team to be completed, along with Child & Family Assessment.
Is ongoing CP or CIN support required?

Yes

Kinship TM discusses at area Transfer & Allocations meeting for transfer to SG team at ICPC or initial CIN meeting

No

Kinship Team review Special Guardianship support assessment and plan

No

Is further assessment required?

Yes

Are there any children in the family who are not the subject of an SGO (birth children)?

Yes

Child and Family Assessment completed by area Assessment Team

Kinship TM discusses at area Transfer & Allocations meeting for transfer to SG team

No

Kinship Team review Special Guardianship support assessment and plan

No

Kinship complete Child and Family Assessment.
Is ongoing CIN support needed?

Yes

Kinship Team review Special Guardianship support assessment and plan

No