**EARLY PERMANENCE SCREENING MATRIX**

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| **Child’s name and DOB** |  |
| **Child’s Local Authority** |  |
| **Child’s LA reference ID:** |  |

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| **Yes** | **No** | **If yes, name of parent/s and any brief comments.** | **Criteria to be assessed in conjunction with local authority assessment**  |
|  |  |  | Parent has killed or seriously harmed another child through abuse or neglect and no significant change has occurred since |
|  |  |  | Child has experienced extreme physical or sexual abuse by the parent/s (or parent/s have allowed someone else to abuse the child) and must be removed from the home |
|  |  |  | Parental rights to another child have been involuntarily terminated (e.g. adoption order or court order) following a period of service delivery to the parents and no significant change has occurred since |
|  |  |  | Child or siblings/s have been in care on at least one other occasion for a period of three months or more with child protection involvement |
|  |  |  | Parent/s have been diagnosed with severe mental illness and have not responded to previously delivered mental health services. Symptoms continue that prevent parent/s from being able to physically and emotionally meet the needs of the child |
|  |  |  | Parent/s have a history of substance abuse or are chemically dependent on non-prescription substances and/or have a history of treatment failures |
|  |  |  | Child had been abandoned with friend, relatives, foster care or hospital or, after being placed in care, parent/s disappear or visit/attend contact rarely, erratically or not at all |
|  |  |  | Parent/s have shown significant deficits in caring for child, or previous children, and have poor or non-existent support system of relatives/friends to share parenting |
|  |  |  | There is a pattern of documented domestic violence between the parents (or partners) and they refuse to separate |
|  |  |  | Parent is under the age of 16 with no parenting support systems, and placement of the child and parent together has failed (or is likely to fail) due to the parent’s behaviour |
|  |  |  | Parent has asked to relinquish the child on more than one occasion following initial intervention |
|  |  |  | Family members have been considered/assessed and ruled out as potential carers for the child |
|  |  |  | Other parent has been assessed and ruled out as a potential carer for the child |
|  |  |  | Adopters of sibling/s have been approached and do not wish to be considered to adopt the child |

**This is an appropriate case to be considered for an early permanence care plan.**

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|  | **Name** | **Date** |
| Child’s social worker |  |  |
| Children and families Team Manager |  |  |
| Adoption team manager |  |  |