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**Revocation of a Placement Order**

**Local procedure for revocation of a placement order following change of care plan**

A placement order is required to enable a child to be placed by an adoption agency with prospective adopters in the absence of parental consent. The vast majority of children placed for adoption are as a result of decisions made during care proceedings and are therefore placed without parental consent

A Placement Order application can only be made to the court if a Child Adoption Decision has been made by an independent senior manager with the role of ADM ‘ Agency Decision Maker’

In many cases the child will subsequently go onto be placed for adoption following the Agency confirming adoption as its care plan, however in a few instances there is a change of care plan-the reasons for this can be as follows:

**The court does not agree to make a Placement Order**

1. child returns to the care of birth parents
2. The child is placed/ remains in the care of connected persons with no plan of adoption.
3. The court makes a care order ( but refuses the Placement Order) with the plan that the child remain in the care of the local authority

IN these cases if a placement order is not agreed then the Child adoption decision is no longer in force.

**If a Placement Order is made**

Sometimes adoptive parents cannot be found and there is a change of plan for the child to remain in foster care on a long term basis or to be ‘claimed’ by their existing foster carer under a different legal order such as a special guardianship order.

If there has been a placement order made which is rendered redundant by a change of care plan, it is important that this is revoked by the court and a more appropriate order or no order at all is applied for to reflect the needs of the child concerned.

Care planning regulations of 2011 place a duty on independent reviewing officers to ensure that care planning is robust and appropriate and, in all cases, where there is a placement order the IRO should review the appropriateness of the order on a regular basis until such time that the child is adopted or the order revoked.

The steps required are set out in the flow chart below a report is provided to enable the ADM who made the initial recommendation to rescind the local authority recommendation and an application is then submitted to the court for Revocation of the Placement Order .



  **PLACEMENT ORDER REVOCATION PROCESS**

A Placement Order (with underlying care order) has been made by the court

Childs Care Plan changes away from adoption

 Change of Care Plan agreed at Childs Looked After Review

Request to legal department for application to be made to the court to revoke the placement order

Court Hearing

Placement Order Revoked , underlying Care Order remains

Decision Rescinded – record uploaded to wisdom child adoption file

Report submitted to Permanency Planning Manager and sent to original agency decision maker to request a rescind of their child adoption decision

Completion of the report including the reasons for the change of plan and all steps undertaken to achieve adoption for the child.

Discussion with Permanency Planning Manager