**Initial Assessment of a Foster Carer’s ‘Expression of Interest’**

**to adopt a child in their care**

**Foster Carer(s­) Details**

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| **Name(s):** |  |
| **Address:** |  |
| **D.O.B:** |  |

**1. GENERAL**

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| Date of visit(s): |  |
| Adoption Social Worker: |  |
| Childs Social Worker’s: |  |
| Purpose of visit: |  |

**Brief details of the child’s history and plans:**

(Including their wishes and feelings and understanding of the plans inc contact)

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**Brief details of the child’s identified current and anticipated future needs:**

(eg emotional, behavioural, physical and health, identity)

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**Carers’ ability and capacity to meet the child’s identified current and anticipated future needs:**

(as detailed above)

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| **2. ASSESSMENT OF PROSPECTIVE CARER(S)**  The information being sought is to identify any issues that would be relevant and have implications for a potential assessment of the carer(s) as prospective adoptive parent(s).  **Background information:** |
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| **Motivation and reasons to adopt this child/ren** |
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| **Foster carer(s)’ understanding of adoption**   |  | | --- | |  |   **Views of other household member(s)** |
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| **Long term plans, in relation to their fostering role – any implications for the child?**   |  | | --- | |  |   **Physical/mental health issues of prospective carer(s):** |
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| **Relationship Status of carer(s)** |
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| **Family and support networks:** |
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| **Lifestyle issues that could impact on caring task:**   |  | | --- | |  | |

**Other Considerations**

Views of the birth parents of the plan for adoption - Birth parents’ knowledge of the placement and any associated risks, how they may be mitigated:

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The view of the fostering social worker:

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The view of the IRO:

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**3. ANALYSIS OF STRENGTHS AND CONCERNS**

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| **Strengths:** |
| **Vulnerabilities:** |

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| **4. RECOMMENDATION/CONCLUSION OF SOCIAL WORKERS**  **Recommendation:** |
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**Legal Advice:**

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**Signed:**

**Date:**