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

**to adopt a child in their care**

**Foster Carer(s­) Details**

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

**1. GENERAL**

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
| 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)

|  |
| --- |
|  |

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

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

|  |
| --- |
|  |

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

(as detailed above)

|  |
| --- |
|  |

|  |
| --- |
| **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:** |
|  |
| **Motivation and reasons to adopt this child/ren**  |
|   |

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
| **Foster carer(s)’ understanding of adoption**

|  |
| --- |
|  |

**Views of other household member(s)** |
|  |

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
| **Long term plans, in relation to their fostering role – any implications for the child?**

|  |
| --- |
|  |

**Physical/mental health issues of prospective carer(s):** |
|  |

|  |
| --- |
| **Relationship Status of carer(s)** |
|  |

|  |
| --- |
| **Family and support networks:** |
|  |
|

|  |
| --- |
| **Accommodation/Health & Safety – can this meet the long-term needs of the child?** |
|  |

|  |
| --- |
| **Employment/working arrangements:** |
| . |

|  |
| --- |
| **Financial issues:****Adoption Allowance/transition arrangements**  |
|  |

 |
|  |
| **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:

|  |
| --- |
| . |

The view of the fostering social worker:

|  |
| --- |
| . |

The view of the IRO:

|  |
| --- |
| . |

**3. ANALYSIS OF STRENGTHS AND CONCERNS**

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

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

**Legal Advice:**

|  |
| --- |
|  |

**Signed:**

**Date:**