

Checklist for Child's Social Worker

Eligibility criteria for prospective Family and Friends Foster Carers, Regulation 24 Care Planning Regulations, immediate same day emergency placements.

In circumstances when a child/ren is placed in an emergency and it is decided that they will be looked after by Havering and a placement is identified with a friend or family member (connected person) the **following criteria** must be applied to determine suitability to make a same day placement, a brief report prepared to seek approval for the arrangement for the Temporary Approval of a Family and Friends Foster Carer from the Head of Service.

1. Does the proposed carer understand why the local authority is involved and that the children are in care?
2. What is their existing relationship with the child?
3. Do they understand that they may need to restrict the parents contact to the child? How will they manage this?
4. Family composition, name, date of birth etc. All possible checks undertaken prior to seeking approval. Does any member of the household have one or more convictions? If so, does the nature of the conviction exclude placement?
5. Accommodation - The sleeping arrangement for the child, what are these, the child must have a bed of their own, shared rooms are sufficient providing a risk assessment is completed, if so who would the child share with, is there an immediate risk to any party?
6. Is the home of a reasonable standard in terms of health and safety, include any pets. Do the carers smoke? If so establish if they smoke outside of the home.
7. Is the carer able to take the child to school/ nursery and collect, if not who can? The person must be known to the child and not be the parent
8. Does the carer understand that this is an agreement that can only last for up to 7 days, when it will be formally reviewed following a further assessment and that they need to sign an agreement to this?
9. Does the carer agree to contact EDT/ social work office if there are concerns, and do they know how to do this?

The child's wishes, feelings and views about the proposed placement must be sought according to their age and understanding.