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Bedfordshire Local Safeguarding Children Board

Inter agency Safeguarding Procedures for Private Fostering

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1. Introduction

- 1.1. The Government introduced new legislation on private fostering in Section 44 of the Children Act 2004 and replacement regulations (the Children (Private Arrangements for Fostering) Regulations 2005) which came into force on 18th July 2005.
- 1.2. These measures together with the National Minimum Standards for Private Fostering are designed to focus attention on private fostering. It requires Local Authorities to take a much more proactive approach in identifying private fostering arrangements in their area and Authorities are expected to improve notification rates and compliance with the legislative framework for private fostering.
- 1.3. This Procedure is designed to be read in conjunction with the Policy on Private Fostering which gives an overview of the duties and functions of the Local Authority with regard to private fostering.
- 1.4. The definition of Private Fostering has been included within the Private Fostering Policy and is key to understanding which arrangements are covered by these Procedures. It is therefore important to read the Private Fostering Policy in conjunction with these procedures.

2. Procedures

2.1 Awareness raising

- 2.1.1 Awareness raising is vital in order that parents and prospective private foster carers can meet the prescribed timescales. Children's Services together with the LSCB are encouraged to be innovative in their approach to awareness raising particularly with hard to reach groups within the community.
- 2.1.2 Bedfordshire's duty to promote awareness of its duties and functions in relation to private fostering is set out within the Policy on Private Fostering.
- 2.1.3 The Head of Adoption and Fostering Service (via the designated officer within Children Social Care) will engage with the Bedfordshire LSCB to look at targeted and current information to all staff and those professionals who may come into contact with other privately fostered children particularly about their role in notification.
- 2.1.4 The Head of Adoption and Fostering Service will have overarching responsibility for the awareness raising strategy about private fostering within the wider community, however the day to day responsibility will be undertaken by the Disruption Manager, from the Adoption and Fostering Team.

2.2 Notification

- 2.2.1 The Regulations require that a person who proposes to foster a child privately must notify the Local Authority in writing at least **6 weeks** before the arrangement is due to begin or **immediately** if it is due to begin within 6 weeks. When the child moves to the private foster placement the Local Authority must be notified within **48 hours** of the move.

- 2.2.2 When a private fostering arrangement has **not** been notified to the Local Authority in advance and the child is already in the private fostering placement, the private foster carer must notify the Local Authority **immediately**.
- 2.2.3 If a proposed private fostering arrangement has been notified to the Local Authority in advance the Local Authority will need to check whether the child has gone to live with the proposed private foster carer if they have not heard by the date the placement was due to start.
- 2.2.4 The notification **must** be in writing and contain the following :
- Name ,sex ,date and place of birth, religious persuasion ,racial origin and cultural and linguistic background of the child
 - Name and address of person giving notice and any previous address within 5 years
 - Name and address of the proposed/current private foster carer and his addresses within the last 5 years
 - Name and current address of the parents of the child and any other person who has parental responsibility and (if different) of any person from whom the child is to be or was received
 - The name and current address of the minor siblings of the child and details of the arrangements for their care
 - The date on which it is intended that the private fostering arrangement will start or the date when it did start
 - The intended duration of the private fostering arrangement
 - The proposed/actual private foster carer must also give notice of any offence for which he/she has been convicted
 - Any disqualification or prohibition imposed on him/her under section 68 or 69 of the Children Act
 - Any conviction/disqualification or prohibition as above imposed on any other person living in or employed at his/her household
 - The Local Authority must be notified in writing by the private foster carer of any change in address or circumstance **in advance if possible** or within **48 hours** of the change in circumstance. This includes a change to the membership of the household
 - The Local Authority must be notified in writing **within 48 hours** where a private fostering placement has come to an end.

2.3 Action following receipt of notification

- 2.3.1 Notifications received by the County Council should be passed through to the Adoption and Fostering Duty Desk. Adoption and Fostering Duty Desk will also receive referrals from other professionals, private foster carers and parents. Referrals may also come from internal teams.

- 2.3.2 Adoption and Fostering Duty Desk will take a referral using **BIC Form 243** (See Appendix A) completing all relevant details and logging the details on SWIFT.
- 2.3.3 The Adoption and Fostering Duty Desk must do a full check on SWIFT on each child to be privately fostered; his/her parents, (prospective) private foster carers and all members of the household. Previous addresses of the child, parents and proposed/actual private foster carer must be checked within the previous 5 years. If the proposed / actual private foster carer has lived in the present Local Authority area less than 5 years the Duty Social Worker must enquire of the previous Local Authority for any information they may have.
- 2.3.4 These referrals will be passed to the Fostering Team Manager.
- 2.3.5 The Fostering Team Manager will allocate to a Fostering Social Worker who will decide whether this appears to be a private fostering arrangement according to the Regulations and using the definition in these Procedures.
- 2.3.6 If it does appear to be a private fostering arrangement, the Fostering Social Worker should visit within **7 working days of the date the notification was received** in order to assess the suitability of the placement. This applies if the notification concerns a proposed private fostering arrangement and is being notified in advance of the placement beginning or if it has already started.
- 2.3.7 The Fostering Social Worker is to ensure that **Enhanced Criminal Record Checks** (CRB) are carried out for **any proposed or actual private foster carer and all members of their household** over the age of 16.
- 2.3.8 The Fostering Social Worker will also undertake Health checks and reference checks i.e. with GP and Health Visitor (if appropriate) on the proposed or actual private foster carers and all members of the household. The actual or proposed private foster carer and anyone living in the household should be asked to provide written consent for CRB, Health and reference checks.
- 2.3.9 The Fostering Social Worker will take up 3 written references. At least 2 of the referees should be interviewed. Where prospective private foster carers have worked/are working in a child care related field checks should be made with the employer as to the applicant's suitability.
- 2.3.10 Checks should also be made with the Police if the child is placed in an emergency or prior to the CRB being completed.
- 2.3.11 Checks should also be made with schools if the private foster carer has school age children.
- 2.3.12 The Fostering Social Worker should check a privately fostered child's passport in order to satisfy himself about the child's immigration status and to check that the child is lawfully present in the UK.

2.4 Assessment

- 2.4.1 The Fostering Social Worker must make a visit to the premises and must include visiting and speaking to the private foster carers and all members of the household.
- 2.4.2 The child **must** also be visited and spoken to; alone unless the worker considers it inappropriate to do so.
- 2.4.3 Visits must also be made to parents and those with parental responsibility if it is practicable.

2.4.4 The Fostering Social Worker **must establish in the course of the assessment:**

- The intended duration of the private fostering arrangement is understood by and agreed between the parents of the child (or any other person with parental responsibility for him) and the (proposed) private foster carer
- The wishes and feelings of the child about the (proposed /actual) private fostering arrangement.
- The **capacity of the (proposed) private foster carer** to look after the child .The assessment should be undertaken using the dimension headings of the *Framework for the Assessment of Children in Need and their families*(2000) as a guide. The purpose of this is twofold, to assess the capacity of the private foster carer and also to assess whether the child is a child in need under section 17 of the Children Act. As part of this the Fostering Social Worker should consult with appropriate agencies. The assessment should also include ascertaining the private foster carer's views on discipline and ensuring he has an understanding of positive approaches to discipline.
- The suitability of other members of the (proposed) private foster carers household.
- The suitability of the accommodation and proposed sleeping arrangements for the child using the Health and Safety checklist BIC form 206 as for ordinary foster carers.

2.4.5 The worker must also determine

- Whether the child who is, or is proposed, to be privately fostered poses any risk of harm to children already living in the private foster carer's household and whether these children pose a risk to him/her.
- Whether arrangements for contact between the child and his/her parents have been understood and agreed and are satisfactory for the child.
- The standard of care for each privately fostered child. This should include an understanding of the importance of continuity for the child in all aspects of the child's life.
- That financial arrangements are in place for the care and maintenance of the child

2.4.6 The worker must also ascertain

- That arrangements for the child's health are in place **and** the child has been registered with a GP
- That arrangements for the child's education are in place and that the private foster carer recognises the need to provide educational support to the privately fostered child
- That the child's needs arising from his religious persuasion, racial origin and cultural and linguistic background are being met and the private foster carer understands the significance of religion and/or culture in relation to the child
- That the child's physical, intellectual, emotional, social and behavioural development is appropriate and satisfactory. This will include assessing the child's developmental needs and progress, the quality and permanence of previous care and relationships; how separation and loss are being handled; the child's sense of self worth and identity
- How decisions about the child's day to day care are being taken

- Whether the private foster carer, the parents of the child, the child and any other relevant person requires any appropriate advice from the LA.

- 2.4.7 If the Fostering Social Worker considers that the privately fostered child is **a child in need** of services under Section 17 of the Children Act 1989, then a referral must be made as quickly as possible to the Duty Social Worker in the appropriate office. The Duty Desk will then undertake a joint assessment with the Fostering Social Worker.
- 2.4.8 If the Fostering Social Worker is concerned that the privately fostered child appears to have **suffered or is suffering significant harm** then a referral must be made immediately to the Duty Social Worker in the appropriate office who will follow the Safeguarding Procedures.
- 2.4.9 If there is any disagreement between the Fostering Service and Intake and Assessment Teams as to which team will be involved in assessing a particular private fostering arrangement the case must be discussed with the relevant Heads of Service and they will come to a decision within 48 hours.
- 2.4.10 The LA can only remove the child from an unsatisfactory placement by means of an EPO.

2.5 Written report

- 2.5.1 Following this visit a written report must be compiled by the Fostering Social Worker which should include the conclusions reached about the overall standard of care, whether the child was seen alone and if the child was not seen alone why the Fostering Social Worker considered it inappropriate to see the child alone. Any cause for concern can be highlighted so that the need for intervention or services can be considered.
- 2.5.2 As part of the written report the Fostering Social Worker should consider
- the extent to which the child's needs are being or will be met and the need for support and/or services
 - Imposing any requirements or prohibitions including with regard to number age and sex of the children who may be privately fostered.

2.6 Requirements, Prohibitions, Disqualifications

- 2.6.1 The Regulations permit the Department to impose requirements:
- e.g. limits on the number of children
 - in relation to the standards of accommodation and equipment
 - in relation to the care that must be carried out
- 2.6.2 In cases where a person is privately fostering or proposes to foster privately more than 3 children who are not siblings at any one time then they will need an exemption from the LA.
- 2.6.3 Any decision to impose requirements would be taken by the Head of Adoption and Fostering Service.

- 2.6.4 The Regulations also allow Children's Services to prohibit individuals from acting as private foster carers e.g. if they are deemed to be unsuitable, the accommodation is unsuitable or the arrangement is contrary to the child's welfare.
- 2.6.5 Any decision to impose a prohibition would also be taken by the Head of Service Adoption and Fostering.
- 2.6.6 In the event of serious child protection concerns Children's Services may prohibit a private fostering arrangement with immediate effect. This decision would be taken by the Head of Adoption and Fostering Service in consultation with the Assistant Director Children in Need and following advice from the LA Legal Section.

2.7 Decision-making

- 2.7.1 The Fostering Team Manager must read the report and quality assure the document before passing through to the Head of Service Adoption and Fostering who will then make a decision about the overall suitability of the arrangements and sign off the decisions.
- 2.7.2 Bedfordshire Children's Services do not approve private foster carers nor register them in any
- 2.7.3 way. Its duty once notified is to satisfy itself that the welfare of the privately fostered children is adequately promoted and safeguarded.
- 2.7.4 The Head of Service Fostering an Adoption must make a decision about the suitability of all aspects of a private fostering arrangement **within 42 working days** from notification or as soon as the outcome of the CRB checks is known whichever is the sooner.
- 2.7.5 As soon as the child is in placement the Fostering Social Worker must notify Health, Education and any other agency in writing as appropriate.

2.8 Written agreements

- 2.8.1 The Fostering Social Worker must ensure wherever possible that each private fostering arrangement is based on a clear written agreement between the private foster carers and the child's parents. The Fostering Social Worker will ask to see the agreement and if one is not in place will endeavour to ensure that one is produced.
- 2.8.2 The Bedfordshire Private Fostering Agreement **BIC Form 243a** should be used.
- 2.8.3 A written agreement is clearly good practice and should include
- The duration of the private fostering arrangement
 - Arrangements for contact between the child and his parents, siblings extended family and other significant people, where this will promote the child's welfare. A specific contact agreement between parents, private foster carers and child is also good practice and should be recommended
 - Arrangements for medical treatment. It is good practice that a medical Questionnaire **BIC Form 243b** is used for this. One form should be completed for each child who is privately fostered and this would give a clear medical history and includes the

agreement to medical treatment that the parent of the privately fostered child should sign

- Overnight stays
- Holidays
- Financial arrangements
- Education
- How to manage any problems in the placement
- Preparation of the child for a planned ending to the arrangement and preparation of the child for further change.

2.9 Providing advice and support

2.9.1 The Fostering Social Worker needs to ensure that appropriate support is available for the **parents**, for the **private foster carers** and the **child** who is privately fostered in **different languages and formats as appropriate**.

2.10 Private foster carers

2.10.1 The Fostering Social Worker should ensure that information is provided to proposed/actual private foster carers about entitlement to child and other financial benefits .Also about advice and support that is available form other agencies including Health services, Education, housing services, youth support services, voluntary organisations and community groups.

2.10.2 The Fostering Social Worker should also give advice as appropriate on a range of topics including:

- The importance of promoting and facilitating regular contact between the child ,his parents, siblings, extended family and other significant people where this will promote the child's welfare
- The child's needs arising from religious persuasion, racial origin and cultural and linguistic background
- Parenting advice for caring for children where there may be disabilities or issues around medical conditions .This could include giving opportunities to take up any training or support services
- This advice could be in the form of individual visits, through self-help groups of other foster carers or links to local resources.

2.10.3 The Fostering Social Worker must provide the private foster carers with their contact details during office hours and the details of the out of hours telephone support for foster carers as well as the telephone number of EDT.

2.10.4 The Fostering Social Worker should encourage the private foster carers to retain information relating to the child's development and for it to be shared with the parents at regular intervals. This information would include

- Maintaining and updating the child's medical history
- Keeping a file of school reports, examination results, and special pieces of work
- Recording the children's after school activities e.g. sport drama etc
- Maintaining a financial record of monies received for the child's upkeep
- Noting the dates and nature of Children's Services contact.
- Keeping a photograph album of significant events/people in the child's life whilst at the particular private foster carer.

2.11 Support for Parents

2.11.1 The Fostering Social Worker will need as appropriate:

- To consider in view of the particular circumstances of the case what support could be offered or whether a referral to another agency would result in a private fostering arrangement not being required. To then follow this up if appropriate and if it is in the child's best interests and the parents are in agreement
- To encourage parents to maintain regular contact with the child and private foster carers and offer advice on attachment issues
- To offer advice and support to make alternative arrangements for the child if the private fostering arrangement has been prohibited and no other is set up
- To provide contact details to parents so that they know who to contact if they have any concerns about their child or wish to discuss anything.

2.12 Information and support for Children

2.12.1 The Fostering Social Worker will need to provide children with such information in formats appropriate to their age and level of understanding about;

- Their private foster carer and his responsibilities
- The meaning of their privately fostered status
- Their right to be safeguarded
- The contact details of the worker who will be visiting them while they are being privately fostered. The child should be made aware, if of sufficient age and understanding, that they can contact their social worker if they have concerns about their care or they wish to talk to them
- The contact details of the Bedfordshire Children's Rights Officer

- The Procedure for assessment of adult community care services for any disabled privately fostered child who is nearing age 18.

2.13 Monitoring the Placement

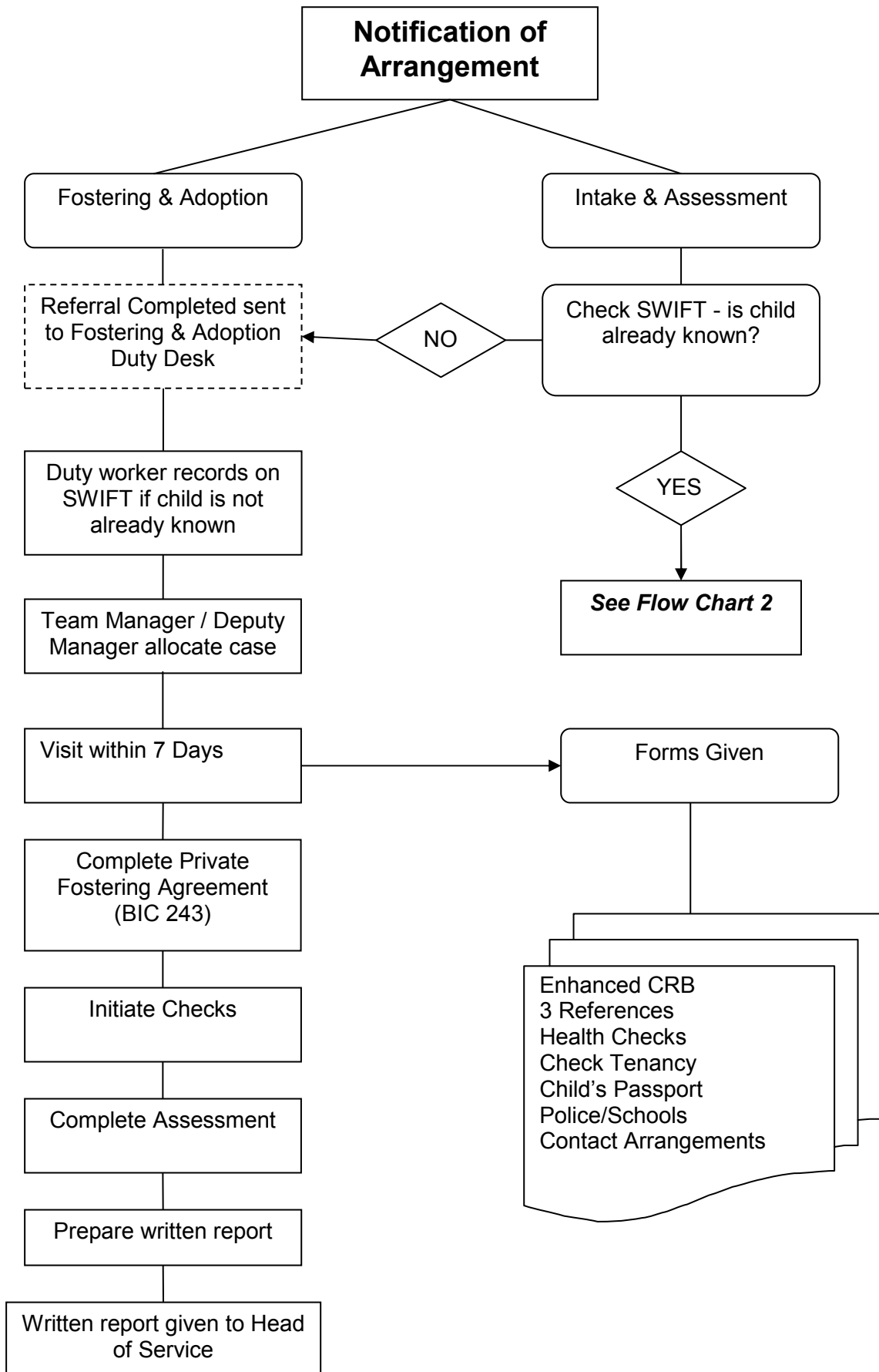
- 2.13.1 The Fostering Social Worker will monitor the placement on an ongoing basis according to the Regulations. The Regulations require that the child must be visited by an officer of the LA in the **first year** after the arrangement has become known to the LA, at intervals of **not more than 6 weeks**; and in the **second or subsequent year, at intervals of not more than 12 weeks**. The Fostering Social Worker must also visit if requested to do so by the child, parents or private foster carers. Where possible, in line with current practice for fostering placements at least one visit per year should be unannounced and a report should be submitted to the Head of Adoption and Fostering about what was seen and discussed during that visit.
- 2.13.2 On each visit the Fostering Social Worker should assess the continuing capacity of the private foster carer to look after the child and meet his/her needs and the child must be seen alone unless the worker from Children's Services considers it inappropriate.
- 2.13.3 The Fostering Social Worker should satisfy him/herself that the child's welfare is being promoted in relation to :
- The purpose and duration of the private fostering arrangement. This should be reviewed with the private foster carer on every visit so that any change can be planned for
 - The suitability of the accommodation
 - The capacity of the private foster carer to look after the child
 - Whether the arrangements for contact between the child's family are satisfactory
 - The standard of care the child is receiving
 - The financial arrangements for the care and maintenance of the child
 - That arrangements for the child's health are in place **and** the child has been registered with a GP
 - That arrangement for the child's education is in place
 - That the child's needs arising from his religious persuasion ,racial origin and cultural and linguistic background are being met
 - That the child's physical, intellectual, emotional, social and behavioural development is appropriate and satisfactory
 - The wishes and feelings of the child
- 2.13.4 The Fostering Social Worker must see and speak to the child seen alone unless the worker considers this is inappropriate to do so. The Worker must establish the wishes views and feelings of the child at each visit.

- 2.13.5 The Worker will also monitor the relationship between the child and the private foster carer paying attention to physical and emotional care.
- 2.13.6 If the privately fostered child has a disability the Fostering Social Worker will ensure that the child's needs are fully assessed by the Children with Disabilities team and the appropriate services are being provided.
- 2.13.7 Following this visit a written report must be compiled by the Fostering Social Worker which should include the conclusions reached, whether the child was seen alone and if the child was not seen alone why the Fostering Social Worker considered it inappropriate to see the child alone and detailing the child's wishes and views. The report should also highlight any concerns and make conclusions as to whether the placement is satisfactory.

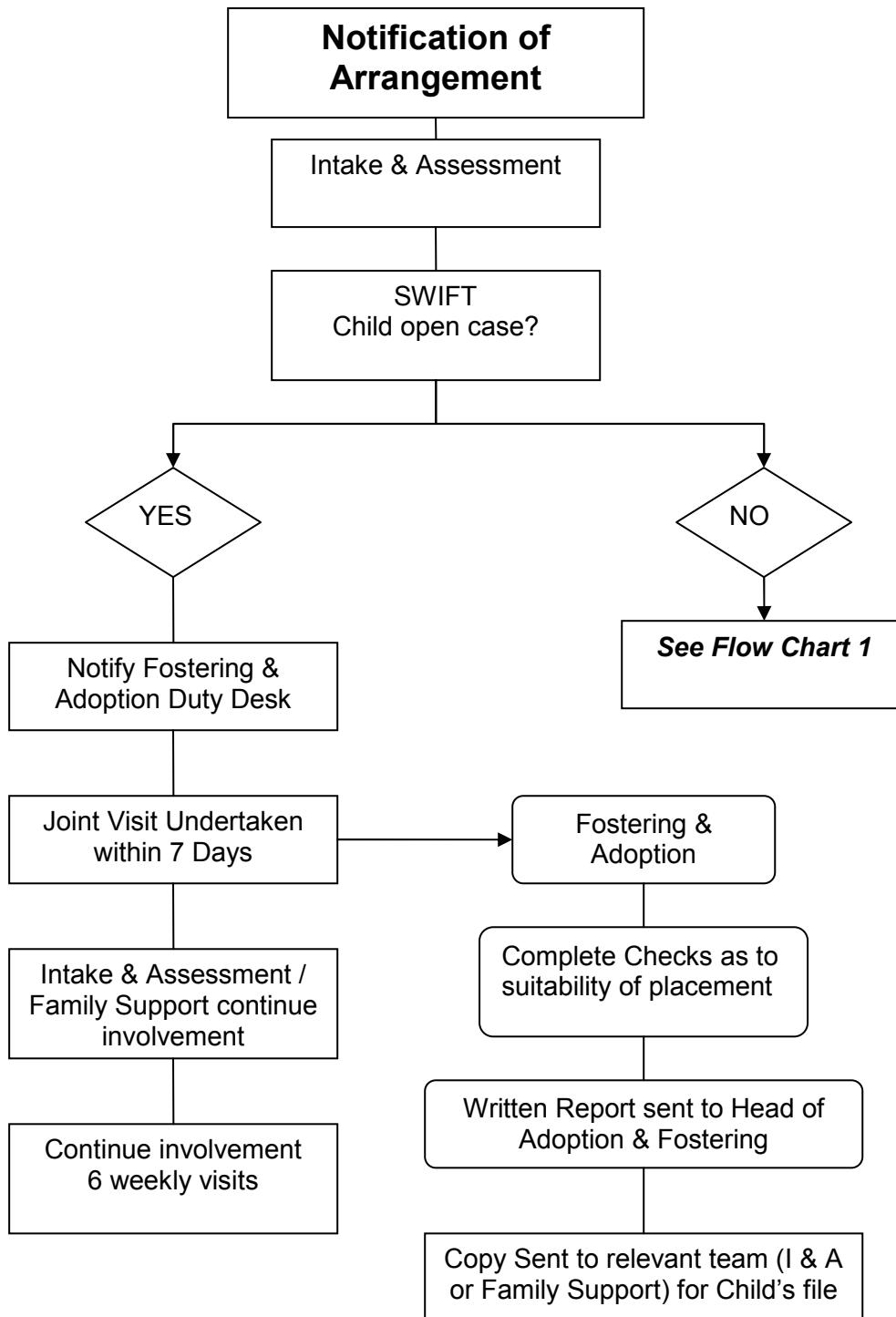
2.14 Monitoring Compliance

- 2.14.1 The designated officer in Bedfordshire who is responsible for monitoring the way in which the LA discharges its duties and functions in relation to private fostering is the Head of Service Adoption and Fostering. This post holder must ensure that the Adoption and Fostering Team will record information on the numbers of privately fostered children in their area including the number of new notifications, and record the number and nature of enquiries received in relation to private fostering, the responses given and any action taken.
- 2.14.2 The Head of Service Adoption and Fostering will ensure that accurate, well organised, comprehensive and confidential records are kept up to date for each privately fostered child and private foster carer. These need to cover all the matters to which the LA has to satisfy itself in carrying out its functions in relation to Private Fostering., including any disqualifications prohibitions advice and support given etc.
- 2.14.3 The records must contain the written reports compiled by the Fostering Social Worker after the visits to the private foster carers and the child.
- 2.14.4 New notifications are recorded on the statistical data return and submitted to the DfES as required.
- 2.14.5 The Head of Service Adoption and Fostering has in place and effectively implements a system for monitoring the way in which the LA discharges its duties and functions in relation to private fostering. The Head of Service will ensure practice is improved where this is indicated as necessary by the monitoring system.
- 2.14.6 The Head of Service Adoption and Fostering will regularly review a sample of individual child and private foster carer records in order to check on practice e.g.
- Compliance within timescales for action to be taken on receipt of a notification
 - Decisions about the overall suitability of arrangements and subsequent visits
 - That children are seen alone
 - Reports are written in accordance with the Regulations
 - Decisions are signed off at managerial level

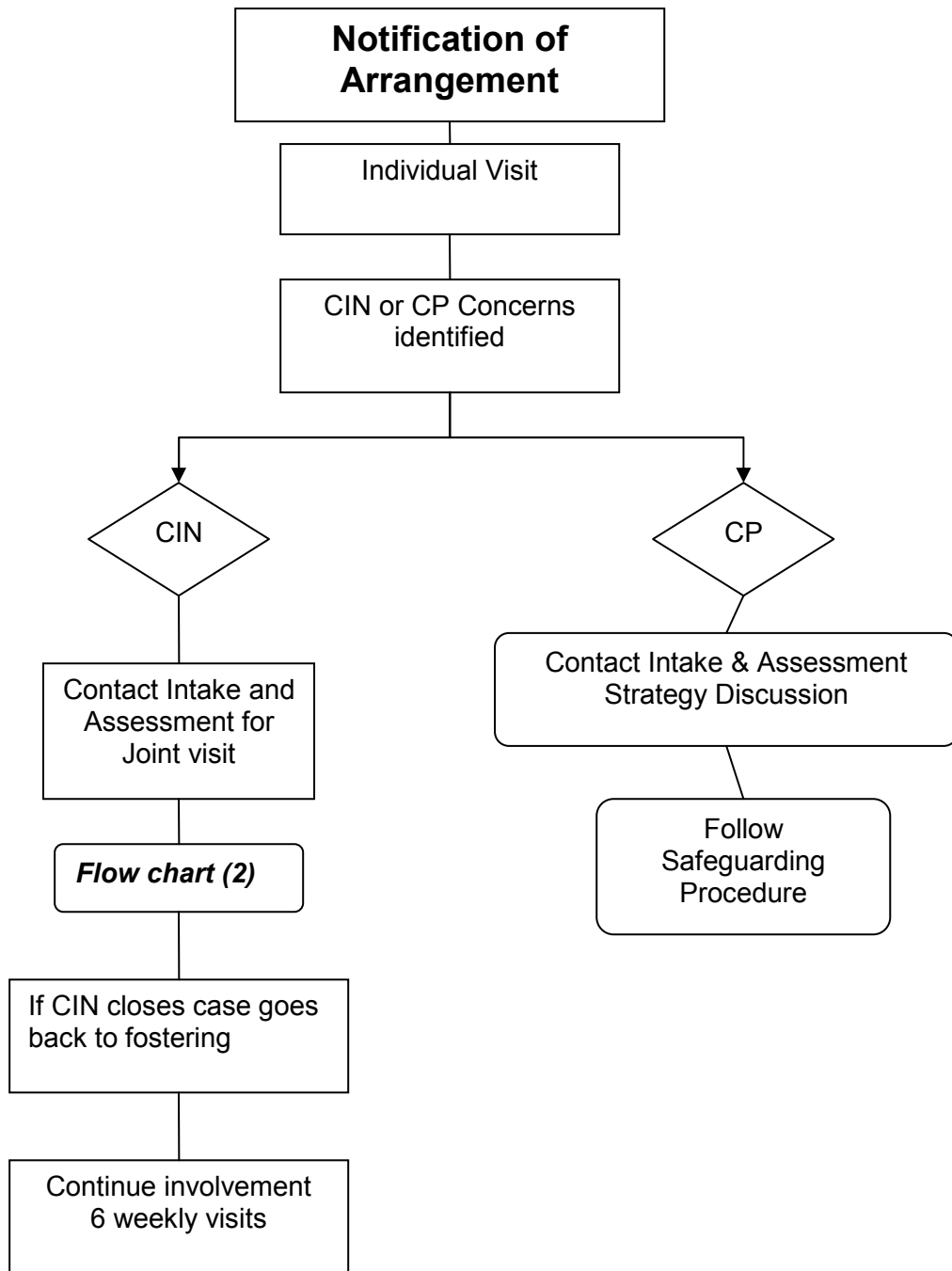
FLOW CHART (1)



FLOW CHART (2)



FLOW CHART (3)



Notification of Private Fostering Arrangement

Children/Young Person Details:				
Name:	D.O.B. & Gender:	Ethnicity:	Religion:	Language:
	M <input type="checkbox"/> F <input type="checkbox"/>			
	M <input type="checkbox"/> F <input type="checkbox"/>			
	M <input type="checkbox"/> F <input type="checkbox"/>			
	M <input type="checkbox"/> F <input type="checkbox"/>			
Local Authority the Child Originates:				
Carers Details:				
Name:	D.O.B. & Gender:	Ethnicity:	Religion:	Language:
	M <input type="checkbox"/> F <input type="checkbox"/>			
	M <input type="checkbox"/> F <input type="checkbox"/>			
Current address inc. postcode:				
Day contact no.:		Eve contact no.:	Mobile:	
How many bedrooms are in the house?		Does the child have own room? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>		
Relationship to the child:				
Other Members of the Household: (inc. children and adults)				
Name:	D.O.B. & Gender:	Relationship to the carer		
	M <input type="checkbox"/> F <input type="checkbox"/>			
	M <input type="checkbox"/> F <input type="checkbox"/>			
	M <input type="checkbox"/> F <input type="checkbox"/>			
	M <input type="checkbox"/> F <input type="checkbox"/>			
Birth Parents Details:				
Mothers Name & Contact No.:	D.O.B.:	Ethnicity:	Religion:	Language:
Current address inc. postcode:				
Fathers Name & Contact No.:	D.O.B.:	Ethnicity:	Religion:	Language:
Current address inc. postcode:				
Circumstances in which the young person/child was placed and with who's consent, any financial agreement in place:-				
To be completed by Adoption and Fostering Team:				
SWIFT check completed & results:				
Referral made by:	Telephone No./contact details:		Referral Taken by:	Date:

Private Fostering Agreement

To be completed by private foster carer and parent(s)

Details of Child/Children			
Name:		Religion:	
D.O.B.:		Ethnic Origin:	
Place of Birth:		First Language	
Gender:	Male <input type="checkbox"/>	Female <input type="checkbox"/>	
Address:			
Name of previous school:			
Name:		Religion:	
D.O.B.:		Ethnic Origin:	
Place of Birth:		First Language	
Gender:	Male <input type="checkbox"/>	Female <input type="checkbox"/>	
Address:			
Name of previous school:			
Name:		Religion:	
D.O.B.:		Ethnic Origin:	
Place of Birth:		First Language	
Gender:	Male <input type="checkbox"/>	Female <input type="checkbox"/>	
Address:			
Name of previous school:			

Details of Parents			
Father:		Mother:	
Address:		Address:	
Tel Number:		Tel Number:	

Details of Agency Making the Arrangements with Private Foster Carer			
Name:			
Address:			
Tel Number:		Fax Number:	

Agreement - between Private Foster Carer and Parent (or agency)

This placement will commence on		for a period of		/
We understand that 6 weeks notice of a private foster placement is required by Law prior to the commencement of the placement and it is the duty for the foster carer and the parent to notify the local authority of this in writing.				

It is agreed that		/	notice of termination of the placement should be given by
either foster carers or parents.			

The agreed fee for fostering is £				per week per child. This does not include payment for
the following:				

Contract agreement will take place between the parents and child at the following times:			
	and		every /

Should the child be living abroad with Private Foster Carers, then reasonable plans should be made for contact to take place.

We, as parent(s) consent to medical treatment for the child(ren).

We understand that whilst the child(ren) is/are in foster care, the natural parents retain all parental responsibilities.

We, as private foster carers, understand that we must:

- a) allow the local authority Social Worker to inspect the premises where the child(ren) is/are living and to see the child(ren) concerned.
- b) Notify the Social Services Department as and when the placement ends and of the child's/children's new address.

We are aware of the duty of the local authority Social Services Department to ensure the well being of foster children under the Children Act 1989.

Signed by private foster carer (1)		Date:	
Print name:			
Signed by private foster carer (2)		Date:	
Print name:			
Signed by Parent (1) or Agency		Date:	
Print name:			
Signed by Parent (2) or Agency		Date:	
Print name:			

Medical Questionnaire - To be completed for each child cared for by the private foster carer

Details of Child			
Name:		NHS Number:	
D.O.B.:		Where is card kept?	
Who holds the Personal Health Record? (PCHR)			

Immunisations: Please indicate which immunisation have been given to the child		
Due at 2 mths	Diphtheria / Tetanus / Pertussis	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Polio	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Hib	<input type="checkbox"/>
Due at 3 mths	Diphtheria / Tetanus / Pertussis	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Polio	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Hib	<input type="checkbox"/>
Due at 4 mths	Diphtheria / Tetanus / Pertussis	<input type="checkbox"/>
Between 12 to 18 mths	Measles / Mumps / Rubella	<input type="checkbox"/>
Between 4 to 5 years	Diphtheria / Tetanus / Pertussis	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Measles / Mumps / Rubella	<input type="checkbox"/>
Between 10 to 14 years	Rubella	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Half test and BCG	<input type="checkbox"/>
Between 15 to 18 years	Tetanus and Polio	<input type="checkbox"/>
Any others:		<input type="checkbox"/>
		<input type="checkbox"/>
		<input type="checkbox"/>
Please indicate reasons for omissions:		

Has the child been tested for sickle cell disorders? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
If yes, what was the result?

Childhood Illnesses: Please indicate the illness which was diagnosed		
	Measles	<input type="checkbox"/>

	German measles (rubella)	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Chicken pox	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Mumps	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Whooping cough	<input type="checkbox"/>
Any other significant illnesses?		
Has your child ever been in contact with tuberculosis?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	
Does he / she belong to a family with a history of disease?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	
Is the child's name on the register of disabled children?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	
Please detail any ongoing health conditions / disabilities:		
Does the child have a condition requiring corrective surgery or orthodontic treatment? (e.g. squint, crooked teeth, cleft palate)	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	
If yes, please give further details including current treatment plan:		
Has your child ever had any significant accidents and injuries	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	
If yes, please give details and indicate if further treatment is needed:		

Periods in Hospital			
Please state the date the child was in hospital, the name of the hospital and the reason for treatment:			
Dates:		Hospital:	
Reason for stay:			
Are there any other conditions likely to require outpatient appointments or hospital admission? (please specify) Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>			
Details of an other outstanding hospital or other appointments and current medication:			

Other Needs / Details

Does the child have special dietary needs or restrictions for cultural or health reasons? (please specify) Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
Does the child have any known allergies? (please specify) Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>

Details of Professional Health Contacts			
GP Name:		Tel Number:	
Address:			
Dentist Name:		Tel Number:	
Address:			
		Tel Number:	
Address:			
		Tel Number:	
Address:			

Parental Agreement to Medical Treatment

I/we agree to		(private foster parent)
arranging the following medical treatment (including dental treatment) for:		
	(child), while he/she is being looked after by them.	

Emergency medical examination and treatment (including anaesthetics) Yes No

Routine medical treatment including immunisation? Yes No

Signature:		Date:	
Print name:			
Signature:		Date:	
Print name:			