

## ASSESSMENT PROCESS FOR PROSPECTIVE FOSTER CARERS

All prospective applicants visited by fostering social worker for initial assessment.



Applicant approved to continue with their application and will need to attend preparation training.



Application form sent. Checks and references sought upon completion of application form. Medical requested.



A social worker is assigned to complete a home study with you and your family. The assessment process will look at the competencies needed to become a carer and will outline what evidence is given to fulfill these competencies.



The assessment will take place over a number of visits and may take up to 3 to 4 months to complete.



Your personal referees and nominated support carer will also be visited by the social worker.



The social worker at the end of the assessment will pull together all the information collected at each stage of the process. This will form the basis of a report to be presented to the fostering panel. The report will be shared with you and you will have a chance to comment



You and the social worker will attend the fostering panel. The panel will have read the report and will make a recommendation to the agency decision maker



If the panel recommends approval then the agency decision maker will write to you confirming the details of your approval, this may take up to two weeks



. Post approval will receive more information, continued support and training opportunities and the name of your supervising SW.



Your approval is reviewed every year, or when there is any significant change in your circumstances.