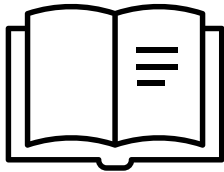


Early Permanence: Information for birth parents

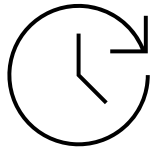
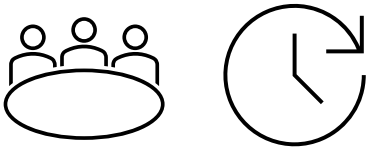
This is an easy read version



Some things you can do to make it easier to understand are:

- read it a few pages at a time.
- have someone help you to understand it.

This Easy Read document is about the plans being made for your child



This leaflet is to help you understand the Local Authority plans for your child.

The local authority plan is for your child to be looked after by foster carers.



You may be feeling angry, sad or confused.



You may be feeling worried about your child's future.

What is an early permanence placement?



Your child will be placed in a foster placement as soon as possible.

It is to make sure that your child has the best possible care whilst their future is being decided.

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The foster carers are chosen just for your child.

The foster carers are also prepared as adopters.

If your child is to be adopted, their foster carers will adopt them.



This means that your child will not have to move from a foster carer to an adoptive family.



We know that moving children to different homes causes them trauma.

Staying with the same carers and being adopted by them means the child stays settled with a family they know.



If your child returns to be with you, the carer will help your child to settle back with you.

If your child goes to be with someone from your family, the carer will help your child to settle with them.

How can we help you?



If your child is not yet born, a Social Worker will meet with you

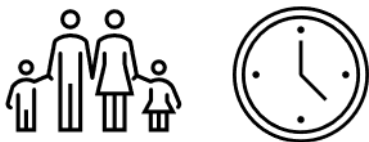


The Social Worker will do an assessment on how you are managing things now and also once you have a baby.

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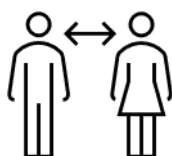


The court will decide if any other assessments are needed



You will still be able to have time with your child

The time with your child can be called contact or family time meetings.



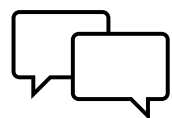
The time with your child will be supervised.

The time with your child will take place in carefully chosen meeting places.



The carers will bring your child to the meeting place

You will be supported when you have time with your child

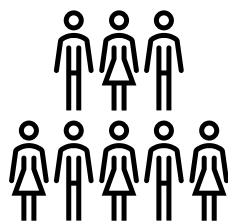


The time spent with your child will hopefully be a time to get to know the carers as well.

What could happen to your child?



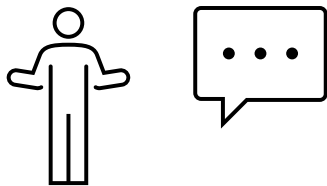
The court will decide where your child can live



The court makes its decision with information from:

- Your child's Social Worker
- Your child's allocated Guardian
- Other professionals who have been involved with you and/or your family.

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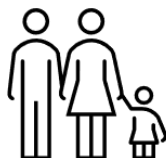
You will be able to tell the court why your child should stay with you.

The court may decide your child cannot return to you or someone in your family.



If your child cannot be with you, they will stay with the early permanence carers.

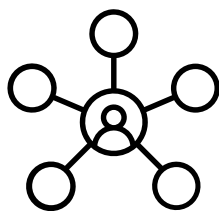
Who are the foster carers looking after your child?



Early permanence carers are people who would like to adopt a child.

Early permanence carers are also prepared as foster carers.

Early permanence carers are carefully chosen to care for your child.



It is the early permanence carer's role to help support you to know how your child is.

It is the early permanence carer's role to help you keep a relationship with your child.

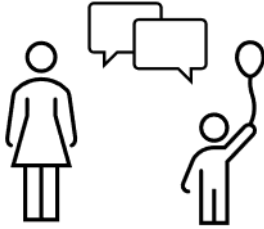
You will be able to meet the early permanence carer when they bring your child to contact meetings.



The early permanence carer will let you know how your child is doing.

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What will my child be told?



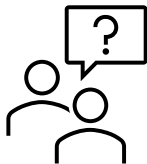
We hope that you feel the carers respect and understand you.

The carers will tell your child about you.

The carers will tell your child that you love them.

The carers will tell your child about what made it hard for you to look after them.

Who can I get advice from?



Your Child's Social Worker will explain this information in more detail.

It may help to discuss this leaflet with your solicitor or legal representative.