

## Role of Professionals

### **Supervising social worker (could be fostering or adoption worker):**

- They will visit regularly
- They will support you to fulfil your role as an EP carer

### **The child's Adoption social worker:**

- They seek to identify placements for children who are likely to be adopted
- They initiate the link and match and their involvement fluctuates during placement
- They organise and support keeping in touch with birth family

### **The child's social worker:**

- They will visit the child regularly between 1 - 4 weekly
- They manage the care plan for the child and complete court work to apply for the Placement Order

### **Independent Reviewing Officer (IRO):**

- They are independent of the child's social worker but have responsibility for monitoring the care a child receives when they are Looked After

### **Guardian:**

- They are employed by the Children and Family Court Advisory and Support Service (CAFCASS)
- They represent children in court and may visit the child in placement. They will advise the court about what they think is the best plan for the child.