**ATV - Early Permanence Flow Chart (Unborn)**

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| **Decision that adoption may be the plan – Legal Meeting** | **Commence Pre- Birth assessments, FGC, assessments of birth family and relatives** |

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| **Early Notification to ATV: Include Expected delivery date for Unborn baby, and details of whether older siblings adopted** |

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| **Discuss case with ATV Permanence Champion**  **Adoption Process Meeting** | **Should adopters of older siblings be approached?** |

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| **If applicable- ATV approach identified adopters of older sibling(s)**  **See Reg 24 flow chart (below)** | **Has the adoption order been granted for older sibling?** |

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| **For none connected Early Permanence – Reg 25 Approval Process** |

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| **ATV identify potential families who may be a good match for the child – share PAR’s with child social worker**  **CSW and ATV identify which family(s) to be approached** | **Matching factors identified, including:**  **Health needs;**  **Ethnicity; background factors; contact** |

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| **Share basic, anonymised details of child, and background with family selected** | **Check Information Sharing Protocol** |

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| **Matching and Selection Meeting- decision about which family, and which assessment route to proceed with.** | **Consider any support needs required, including any financial support needs.** |

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| **Initiate Reg 25 assessment – ATV SW and CSW to complete, working together. Map out timescales, to ensure approval as temporary foster carers by the LA ADM will be in place prior to EDD.** | **Notify ADM in the LA; IRO; Discussion with birth parents; LA Fostering Service; Midwifery/health** |

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| **Make application for any financial supports required to LA, prior to placement** | **Family and LA to be clear about agreements on finance prior to placement** |

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| **Baby born- placement under Reg 25 (CPPCR Regs)**  **Fostering Regs commence**  **Initial Health Assessment (Medical Advisor to be advised this is a likely adoption plan)** |

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| **Legal proceedings initiated by LA**  **ADM “Best Interests Decision” to be planned.** | **LA/ CSW to continue planning/assessments to identify final care plan, and assessments with birth parents/relatives** |

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| **Final Hearing date: PO granted** | **Adoption Matching Panel date to be planned for, including Matching Report and Adoption Support Plan** |

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| **Adoption Matching Panel** |

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| **LA ADM makes decision on adoption placement. This is the date that the child is legally “Placed for Adoption”** |

**Flow Chart- Unborn – Planned Placement with Older Sibling Adopters**

**Regulation 24**

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| **Adopters of the older sibling(s) wish to be considered – is the older child yet adopted?**  **Where adoption order has been granted, the adopters are no longer classed “approved adopters” and must be assessed again under “fast track” procedures (see Recruitment, Assessment and Approval procedures)** | **If the child is not adopted, seek legal advice on joining the new baby to proceedings, taking account of impact of delay on older sibling** |

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| **Child’s social worker undertakes “viability” assessment, to determine the LA view on a further placement with this family** |

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| **Is this a viable plan that the LA wishes to progress?**  **Yes** | **No- return to seeking alternative EP family, as above- Reg 25** |

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| **Refer to LA Fostering Service, for fostering assessment of the carers.**  **ATV to initiate fast track assessment.**  **Collaborate on information sharing to enable timely completion of assessments.**  **Clear timescale planning, taking account of EDD of baby** | **The adopters will have a previous PAR** |

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| **Prospective adopters’ ROI starts from written notice of wish to adopt.**  **Fast track assessment timescale is approval within 16 weeks of commencement** | **Fostering assessment to commence as soon as possible, pre-birth.**  **Timescale is that approval under fostering regulations must be within 16 weeks of placement.** |

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| **Child born – placed with the carers under Reg 24 CPPCR regs, and to be approved within 16 weeks of placement as foster carers**  **All aspects of fostering placement commence** | **The placement at all times must be a regulated placement** |

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| **Legal proceedings initiated by LA**  **Care Plan, including initial health assessment; contact arrangements to be commenced.**  **Medical Advisor to be informed this is a likely adoption plan** |

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| **ATV complete PAR**  **Present to ATV panel for approval of adopters** | **Approval can be prior to PO, or after PO, but the placement must be regulated.** |

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| **Final Hearing: PO granted** |

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| **Adoption Matching Panel.**  **ADM Match date is date of placement for adoption** | **Depending on timescales, approval and match may come to same panel.** |