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WELSH EARLY PERMANENCE

Information for Parents

INFORMATION FOR PARENTS CONSIDERING RELINQUISHING
THEIR CHILD FOR ADOPTION



We strongly advise you to discuss this leaflet with your solicitor if you have one, who will be able to talk to you about this type of foster placement. If you do have a solicitor, we are able to send information about Welsh Early Permanence to them, including this leaflet.

WHAT IS WELSH EARLY PERMANENCE?

This is a foster placement with a family that has been approved both as foster carers and as adoptive parents. These families are committed to children being reunited with their parents if that is what you decide is right for your child, or being placed with another member of your family. However, if you do decide that you wish your child to be adopted then these carers are ready to offer your child the security of adoption without them having to face another move.

Why is it being considered for my child?

We know that lots of moves for children is extremely unsettling for them, especially if they have to move again from their foster carers to adoptive parents. The aim of Welsh Early Permanence is to reduce the number of moves and changes children have so that the child has the best possible care while their long-term future is decided.

How are Welsh Early Permanent carers selected and are they well prepared?

Welsh Early permanence carers are very well prepared and carefully assessed. They will be carefully matched with your child based on the information we know about them and your child so it is important for you to share any information that will help them offer the best care they can to your child, e.g. any family health issues, or important relationships.

They will understand that your child might return to you or to a member of your family but that the child may also become available to be adopted, in which case they become the child's prospective adoptive parents.

What does it mean for me?

This placement is a foster placement like any other to begin with and the carers will facilitate contact as it is agreed and arranged with the local authority. The foster placement transfers into an adoptive placement once you have given proper consent to your child being adopted, witnessed by an officer from Cafcass Cymru, followed by the adoption panel and agency decision maker recommending and deciding that your child should be matched with these prospective adopters.

The fact that your child may be placed in a Welsh Early Permanence placement does not affect your right to seek the return of your child, either under s31 ACA 2002 before consent has been given or if the child is less than 6 weeks old, or under s32 after formal consent has been given. If in any doubt you should discuss this with your social worker and /or seek independent legal advice.

We hope you will feel confident that these carers will give your child the love and security he or she needs. We also hope that you will feel that the carers respect and understand you and will be able to tell the child about you and your love for him or her.