

Workshop title: Permanency

Aim: To help social workers and foster carers make an informed decision about accepting a permanent placement

Designed for: Social workers and foster carers

Objectives: During the workshop, you will

- understand what is meant by permanency alongside others types of placement
- decide what information you need to consider a permanent placement
- contribute proactively to any discussions and meetings about a possible permanent placement
- consider the issues you may face within a permanent placement

Method: This workshop will be highly participative, using practical examples and exercises to help everyone relate the learning to their fostering

Length: One day: 4 hours

Content: Types of placement

- * Long term and permanent placements
- * Special guardianship orders and adoption

Information needed to decide about a permanent placement

- * The local authority's expectations
- * Your expectations
- * The child or young person's best interests

The process of deciding about a permanent placement

- * The meetings and reports
- * Your contribution to the process
- * Get agreement on delegated authority and the role of the birth parents

Issues within a permanent placement

- * The impact on the child / young person
- * The impact on your wider family