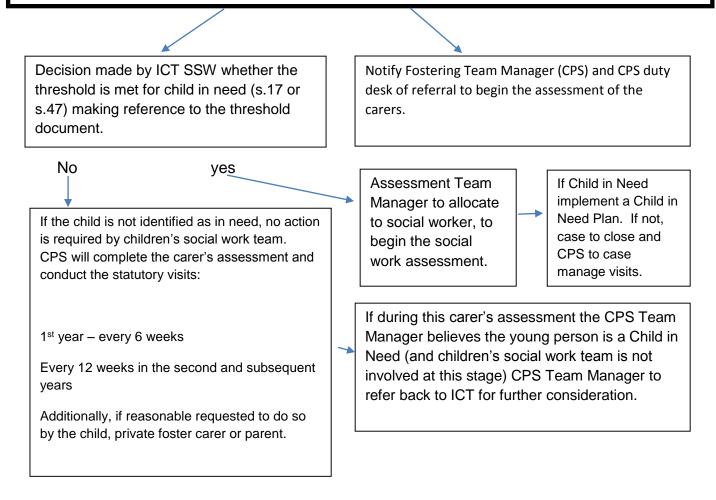
Private Fostering Referral

Referral to Compass/ICT regarding a child under the age of 16, or 18 with a disability, being privately fostered with friends or non-close relatives. These include cousins, great aunts/uncles or non-married partners. The placement will last longer than 28 days.



First social work visit within 7 days of referral. This could be undertaken by either children's social work team or Fostering Team Social Worker or jointly if a joint assessment is being completed.

CPS completes the carer's assessment within 28 days.

Social Work assessment to be completed (if appropriate) within 45 working days.

Suitability Panel to be held within 21 days.

If unsuccessful the family to be notified and asked to make alternative arrangements. If approved visits to be undertaken as detail above.

The Private Fostering arrangement ends:

- 1. On the young person's 16th birthday, or 18 with a disability.
- 2. If the Carers obtain Residence Order/Parental Responsibility.
- 3. I the young person returns to live with a close family member.