**Appendix 5: Matching Report**

**Adoption Matching Matrix report**

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| **Report completed by:** |  |
| **Date of matching meeting:** |  |
| **Name of child’s Social Worker:** |  |
| **Social Services Team:** |  |
| **Contact telephone No:** |  |
| **Date report completed:** |  |

This report was produced for matching meeting held in respect of (child’s name)

Child’s date of birth & current age

Date of ADM decision of suitable for adoption

Date of legal order

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|  | Child’s information (to be completed by child’s Social Worker) | Essential/desirable | Prospective Adopter’s capacity to  meet the child’s needs | SCORE  0 – Unable  1 – Adequately  2 – Completely |
| Child’s physical appearance |  |  |  |  |
| Ethnic, cultural, religious and linguistic considerations |  |  |  |  |
| Health considerations including disability and genetic factors |  |  |  |  |
| Self-care skills |  |  |  |  |
| Educational needs, e.g. school year? what support is needed in school?, does child have an educational statement?, which school do they attend? will a move of school be required? |  |  |  |  |
| Emotional and behavioural development – current or anticipated therapeutic needs and support available |  |  |  |  |
| Preparation work. Has direct work been undertaken? Details? Life Story book, and later in life letter completed? |  |  |  |  |
| Identity including status in families- birth, and foster families |  |  |  |  |
| Family and social relationships e.g. background- has child experience of drugs/ alcohol/ mental illness/ sexual abuse/ was child scapegoat in family? nature of relationships and emotional attachments |  |  |  |  |
| Attachment history e.g. impact of previous placements -Information from specialist assessments |  |  |  |  |
| Capacity to make new attachments |  |  |  |  |
| Quality of attachment to current carers |  |  |  |  |
| Capacity of current carers to help child to attach to new family |  |  |  |  |
| Contact needs- Location of birth family, arrangements with birth family, outline current arrangements and proposed plan post adoption |  |  |  |  |
| Social presentation-child’s personality, talents and interests |  |  |  |  |
| Child’s views and expectations E.g. on adoptive family, pets |  |  |  |  |
| Views and wishes of birth family |  |  |  |  |
| Geographical Considerations (such as need for contact, friendship & sense of identity) |  |  |  |  |
| Legal ( current legal status/ existing order – possibility of future contested cases over adoption, contact etc., legal advisors opinion) |  |  |  |  |
| Finance (eligibility for adoption allowance and exceptional settling in/ adaptations –legal fees) |  |  |  |  |
| Adoption support needs |  |  |  |  |
| Other specific needs |  |  |  |  |

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| **ANY OTHER INFORMATION** |
| **Summary of Strengths**  **Areas of possible support/ risk**  **Summary of Matching Meeting** |