

# Life Story Work/Book Process Map

- Child comes into care and life story begins.
- Care Plan indicates that the child/young person will be Looked After beyond 1<sup>st</sup> review (28 working days)
- Social worker begins to routinely gather information – why would the child/young person is in care & help them understand their family genogram/history

Permanence & Legal Decision Making Panel

**Practice Note**

- CSW must undertake direct work or arrange for therapeutic support with child/young person to help them understand their current situation & future care planning
- These direct work sessions should be regular, depending on the child's needs, age, level of understanding & preferences of the child

- Care Plan to be presented to set out the child's/young person's Permanence Plan
  - Set out timescales for completion of life story work/book
  - Ensure photos of family/home/foster carer are collated
  - CSW's TM to check progress of life story work/book during supervision and ensure it is up to date at the point of transfer.
- NB; The IRO will check on progress of the life story work at each review.
- Timescales: Before 2<sup>nd</sup> LAC Review      Responsibility: Child's Social Worker**

Plan of Adoption/SGO

Plan of Reunification

Plan of Long-Term Foster Care – see Matching process for Long-term Foster Care

- CSW & TM to Q&A Life Story Book & Later Life Letter
- APL to undertake 2<sup>nd</sup> Q&A – before Adoption Matching Panel/SGO Final Hearing
- CSW to upload copy to the child's electronic file
- CSW to provide child/adoptive parents/SGO carer with an original copy
- Adoptive parent/SGO Carer to continue collating memories of the child/young person into adulthood

- CSW & TM to Q&A Life Story Book – prior to the child/young person returning home
- Copy uploaded to the child's electronic file by CSW
- CSW to provide child/parents with the original copy

- CSW & TM to Q&A Life Story Book – prior to the Fostering Matching Panel taking place
- CSW to upload copy to the child's electronic file
- CSW to provide child/carers with an original copy
- CSW to be responsible to any review & ongoing support for the child/young person
- It is an expectation that carers will continue to add and share information with the child/young person into adulthood.

Please see Adoption Support – Post Adoption process map

- Adopters/SGO Carers to self-refer to FPS for ongoing support post order - see Adoption/SGO – Post-Adoption/SGO Support Process Map