

Step 6 - Obtaining authorisation to proceed with seeking a placement

Ordinarily, the process of identifying the need for a care placement will include discussion with a supervisor or manager, as well as other professional staff in the Team around the Child, as the work progresses. Before the practitioner can proceed to seek a placement, authorisation to do so must be sought from:

Type of Placement	Authorisation Required
Proactive Short Breaks Placements	Senior Social Worker / Team Manager
Planned Foster Care Placements	Team Manager (in consultation with Fostering Team Manager)
Emergency Care Placements	Placement Services Manager
Choices placements, contracted fostering placements, Action for Children (Moray) residential and out of area residential placements	Placement Services Group
Secure Care	Chief Social Work Officer

The authorising person/ group is responsible for verifying the necessity for a care placement and the purpose and characteristics of placement required, as set out above, on the basis of the evidence presented by the practitioner, and supported by the Child's Plan.