

Emergency Placements During COVID-19 Restrictions

WHEN BEST PRACTICE IS JUST SAFE PRACTICE

CHILDREN'S HOMES

that have been mandated to close by government

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trying to reduce number of residents to enable improved social distancing

CHILD IN THE COMMUNITY

living in an unsafe family or family is unable to care for child due to COVID related issues

Does the child regularly visit family members during holiday periods or for other reasons and this has been considered safe?

YES

No

Conduct an Emergency Assessment of the family to determine whether they are able to care for the child under the current circumstances and what support they will need. Can they care for the child?

Minimal assessment of carer required

YES

Are there other formal care options available to you - registered foster care programmes with approved carers, small registered children's homes, etc. and have you conducted an Emergency Assessment of them?

Check organisation has completed a suitable carer assessment

No

Have you investigated emergency options (Informal kinship care, foster care, community support) and conducted an Emergency Assessment?

More indepth assessment of carer required

It's time to **ANALYSE** the results of your **Emergency Assessment**, looking at all available options, to determine which is most likely to be **SAFE, APPROPRIATE** and in the **BEST INTERESTS** of the child.

Develop a **Care Plan** which includes support for the identified placement including any financial support, monitoring processes and day to day care needs of the child and a timeframe for the placement to be reviewed.

Monitor the emergency situation and government advice. Take steps to return to **best practice** and your usual assessment and decision making processes as soon as it's safe to do so.

For guidance on how to use this document please visit www.sfac.org.uk/emergency-assessments