

## Assessment Framework for Providers

### **Foster Care Thematic Inspection 2017**

The recruitment, assessment, approval, supervision and review arrangements in place for foster carers.

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## National Standards for Foster Care (April 2003)

### Theme 2: Safe & Effective Care

<p><b>National Standards for Foster Care (April 2003)</b></p> <p>Note: As they apply to the theme of this inspection</p>	<p><b>Standard 10</b> Safeguarding and child protection</p> <p><b>Standard 14</b> Assessment and approval of foster carers</p> <p><b>Standard 15</b> Supervision and support</p> <p><b>Standard 16</b> Training</p> <p><b>Standard 17</b> Review of foster carers</p>
<p><b>Lines of Enquiry</b></p> <p>Note: As they apply to the theme of this inspection</p>	<p><b>10:</b> Are children and young people in foster care protected from abuse and neglect?</p> <p><b>14:</b> Do foster care applicants participate in a comprehensive assessment of their ability to carry out the fostering task?</p> <p><b>15:</b> Are approved foster carers supervised by a professionally qualified social worker (known as the link worker)?</p> <p><b>16:</b> Do foster carers participate in the training necessary to equip them with the skills and knowledge required to provide high quality care?</p> <p><b>17:</b> Do foster carers participate in regular reviews of their continuing capacity to provide high quality care and to assist with the identification of gaps in the fostering service?</p>

## Theme 4: Leadership, Governance & Management

<b>National Standards for Foster Care (April 2003)</b>  Note: As they apply to the theme of this inspection	<b>Standard 23</b> The foster care committee
<b>Lines of Enquiry</b>  Note: As they apply to the theme of this inspection	<b>23:</b> Is there an effective foster care committee (FCC) to make recommendations regarding foster care applications and to approve long term placements?

## Theme 5: Use of resources

<b>National Standards for Foster Care (April 2003)</b>  Note: As they apply to the theme of this inspection	<b>Standard 21:</b> Recruitment and retention of an appropriate range of foster carers
<b>Lines of Enquiry</b>  Note: As they apply to the theme of this inspection	<b>21:</b> Are there effective recruitment and retention strategies to maintain an appropriate range of foster carers to meet the needs of children and young people in the care of the area?