

SUFFOLK ADOPTION AGENCY

County Matching Meeting

What does it do?

- ❑ Meets social worker and foster carer by appointment to clarify the child's placement needs.
- ❑ Provides the social worker and court with an estimate of the time it will take to place the child for adoption.
- ❑ Suggests possible placements for consideration.
- ❑ Generates a family finding plan where there are no suitable approved adopters.
- ❑ Focuses the options when they become available for the child in preparation for detailed matching work by the child's and adopter's social workers.
- ❑ Reviews the plan when the child is not placed.



Child's social worker, foster carer and adoption team members discuss a child's placement needs at Matching Meeting, June 2004.

When does it meet?

Meets every other Wednesday morning and sometimes into the afternoon

Where?

Kerrison Training Centre

Who is involved?

- ❑ Chaired by Head of Adoption or Professional Adviser (Permanence)
- ❑ Includes members of the adoption team
- ❑ Minuted by Nicola Devenport.
- ❑ Children's social workers

- Foster carers
- Fostering support workers.

The meeting also..

Updates the list of available adopters

Reviews the list of children awaiting placement to ensure that plans are progressing

Calls back plans where they are not progressing.

More information

See Matching Practice guidance