Panels, Planning and Looked After Children

The Care, Adoption and Fostering process is overseen by different panels and meetings. Here is your quick guide to who does what:

- **Legal Panel**
  - Principal Solicitor and Area Managers
  - Considers if threshold criteria are being met for care or service offer
  - Takes view on proceedings being in the child's interest or not
  - Makes decisions and case plans in relation to proceedings

- **Entry to Care Panel**
  - Deputy Director
  - Is the gateway for all entries to care
  - Makes decisions on funding non-OCC placements
  - Monitors the right intervention at the right time in a safe and stable setting that will deliver improved outcomes
  - Provides a review/escalation for Looked After Children

- **Permanency Planning Meeting**
  - ATV Admin 01865 323014
  - Tracks the permanency plan of every Looked After Child in the county up to age 14
  - Offers advice for planning in complex cases

- **Agency Decision Maker Meeting (ADM)**
  - ATV Admin 01865 323014
  - Decides whether a child should be placed for adoption
  - Considers how siblings should be placed together or apart
  - Considers proposed contact after adoption

- **Looked After Child (LAC) Review**
  - Independent Reviewing Officers (IROs)
  - Involves views and attendance of professionals from other agencies
  - Considers the arrangements for the child across each area of their life
  - Gathers the child or young person's views via interview or the MOMO feedback app
  - Makes recommendations and endorses care plan

- **Fostering Panel**
  - Independent Chair
  - Considers applications from Foster Carers
  - Tracks the permanency plan of every Looked After Child in the county up to age 14
  - Offers advice for planning in complex cases

- **Fostering ADM QA Service Managers**
  - Authorises temporary foster care by connected person carers
  - Authorises relief care of looked after children by connected persons
  - Considers all Fostering Panel recommendations on behalf of the agency

- **Adoption and Permanence Panel**
  - Independent Chair
  - Considers applications from prospective adopters
  - Has a quality assurance function
  - Considers adoption for relinquished children
  - Links children with adopters

- **Adoption and Permanence Panel**
  - Independent Chair
  - Recommends a Long Term Fostering Plan (LTF)
  - Considers Disruption Minutes
  - Changes a plan from adoption to Long Term Fostering
  - Links children with long term foster carers

- **Interagency Panel**
  - Childrens Continuing Health Care Operations Manager
  - Looks at shared cases between Health, Social Care and Education.
  - Considers cases where there are serious/ongoing health issues
  - Supports the scrutiny process of Placement and Commissioning

- **Placement and Commissioning Panel**
  - Makes decisions on funding for high cost residential placements, including residential schools
  - Monitors the quality of these placements via a range of different arrangements
  - Shares intelligence about concerns around placements where Oxfordshire children are placed

- **Looked After Children Safeguarding Panel**
  - QA Service Manager
  - Considers specific safeguarding concerns for Looked After Children
  - Tracks progress, actions and outcomes to ensure child's best interests are met
  - Assures child's voice and view is central to actions and recording of events
  - Identifies thematic safeguarding concerns for Looked After Children

Resource Allocation Panel, MisPer, Complex Case and Priority Panels are described in the companion poster to this one, Panels which support planning for children receiving services.