

Early Permanence Quality Mark



What is the Quality Mark?

- ✓ It is a sector owned and defined award. supporting excellence in placing young children
- ✓ It enables agencies to demonstrate excellent practice in early permanence service delivery.
- It is assessed by a panel of independent moderators.
- ✓ It helps define and promote best practice across the sector.

All children in need, children who need protection, and children in care need early permanence. For a child who is being neglected, abused or who is in limbo, every day matters.

Early permanence means ensuring that child is given good enough parenting for the rest of their childhood. That is a basic ambition in a civilised society.

For many children in care, early permanence also means being given the support and therapeutic parenting to recover from trauma. This is a basic principle in contemporary care systems.



Anthony Douglas CBE Chief Executive, CAFCASS

How will it benefit my agency?

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- Demonstrates the strengths of your processes for early placement;
- Gives your team recognition for excellent practice;
- Helps you to deliver the best outcome for children:
- Shows that service quality is at the heart of your work, contributing positively to future Ofsted reviews:
- Provides recognition of the areas where you already shine;
- Gives constructive feedback on areas where you can continue improving;
- ✓ Use of the Quality Mark logo to show prospective carers and adopters your commitment to excellence in service delivery.

How is it assessed?

The Quality Mark is assessed by independent moderators with legal, practice and academic expertise in adoption services.

Agencies are assessed against seven sector-defined descriptors, which are informed by a growing knowledge base, case precedents, legal and policy application, and specific regulatory requirements.

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