**APPROVAL FROM THE DIRECTOR TO CEASE SECTION 20 VOLUNTARY ACCOMMODATION ARRANGEMENTS IN ACCORDANCE WITH CHILDREN ACT 1989**

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This form is to be used for.

**16 or 17 year olds**

Where the local authority are considering ceasing to look after child aged 16 or 17 years, who has been accommodated under section 20 of the 1989 Act, this decision must not be put into effect until it has been approved by the director of children’s services {regulation 39(5)}.

**Looked After Children of 20 working days or more ceasing to be Looked After**

Where a child has been looked-after for at least 20 working days, the decision to cease to look after him/her must not be put into effect until it has been approved by a nominated office {regulation 39(4)}

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| Name and DOB of Child |  |
| Legal Status |  |
| Placement Address |  |
| Moving to Address |  |
| Date of Leaving Care |  |
| Name of Parents / Carers |  |
| Name of Social Worker |  |
| Name of Team Manager |  |
| The Child wishes and feelings have been ascertained and given due to consideration |  |
| The decision to cease to look after the child will safeguard and promote their welfare  |  |
| The IRO has been informed  |  |
| For eligible children the requirements under the Leaving Care Act 2000 are in place  |  |

Signed by:

Barbara Shaw

Corporate Director for Children and Families (for 16/17 year old care leavers only)

 Date

Signed by:

Linda Bulmer

Nominated Officer (for all children leaving care under 16 who are looked after for 20 days or more.)

 Date