**West Sussex – Practice Guidance**

IROs are qualified social workers with at least five years’ experience, and who have acquired the right skills to carry out this role.

**Placement of Children Subject to a Care Order with Parents**

 **Appendix A**

 Assessment of Parent as Carer Report Format (Schedule 3 of the Regulations)

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| **Name** | **DOB** | **Relationship** | **PR** | **Ethnicity** | **Address** |
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| **The parent`s family history.** |
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Placement of Children Subject to a Care Order with Parents – consider;

The parents' current family relationships including housing, who lives in the home, neighbours.

Risk Factors affecting parenting capacity: Learning Difficulty, Disability Mental Health, Domestic Violence, Substance & Alcohol Misuse, Sexual Abuse.

Environmental Factors: housing, community, employment, finances, benefits, support network.

Cultural aspects: religion, extended family, language, diet.

Parents’ relationship

**Appendix B: Agreement with Parents**

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| **Name of Child**  |  | **Date of Birth**  |  |

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| **Address**  |  |

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| **Name & contact details of parent/s with whom child will reside/visit**  |
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| **Local Authority**  |  |

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| **Date from which placement or arrangement will start**  |
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| **Name of Social Worker**  |  |

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| **Parties to the Agreement:**  | **Comments/Actions;** |
| Birth Parent:  |  |
| Social Worker: |  |
| Practice Manager: |  |
| Group Manager:  |  |
| IRO:  |  |
| Other (title): |  |

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| **Birth Parent(s) placing with:**  |
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| **Childs Current Circumstances – brief explanation** |
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| **Reasons for proposed placement Goals and Conditions of Agreement - clear expectations and timescales.**  |
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| **Contact by other parent/family or friends - any contact arrangements including permission for child stay elsewhere**  |
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| **Responsibility to notify any Change in Circumstances** |
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| **Support to be provided**  |
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| **Supervision arrangements, frequency of social worker, family aide visits, etc.** |
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| **Contingencies/alternative care arrangements–if parent is not able to care for child.**  |
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Signed: Parent/s

Signed: Social Worker

Signed: Practice Manager

Signed: Group Manager

Date:……………………………………………………………………………………………………………………….

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| **Approved by;** |  |
| **Comments;** |  |
| **Date;** |  |

**Appendix C Application to Nominated Officer for Agreement for Placement With Parents under the Care Planning, Placement and Case Review Regulations 2010**

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| **Name of Child:**  |
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| **Date of Birth:**  |
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| **Date of care order**  |
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| **Reason for child coming into care and the plan for the child at the time** |
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| **Name and Address of Proposed Carer**  |
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| **Proposed Date of Placement**  |
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| **Child's wishes and feelings**  |
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| **The Assessment of Parents' Suitability to Care for the Child:** |
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| **Consultation with Key People:**  |
| **(a) Others with Parental Responsibility** **(b) Views of IRO and date summary of last review** **(c) Synopsis of Views of other Professionals e.g. School/ Health/Specialist /Police services/ Probation**  |

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| **Risk Analysis and management:** |
| **a) What is working well / Strengths** **b) What are we worried about** **c) What needs to happen to ensure the placement will safeguard and promote the child's welfare; Is this in the Placement Agreement**  |

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| **Recommendation by Practice Manager** |  |
| **Name of Practice Manager** |  |
| **Date** |  |

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| **Endorsement by Group Manager** |  |
| **Name of Group Manager** |  |
| **Date** |  |

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| **Endorsement by Service Lead** |  |
| **Name of Service Lead** |  |
| **Date** |  |

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| **Approved by Designated Officer** |  |
| **Comments** |  |
| **Date** |  |

**Reference Points;**

[The Care Planning, Placement and Case Review Regulations (2010)](http://www.legislation.gov.uk/uksi/2010/959/part/2/made)