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| **Local authority social work updating evidence template**  |  | In the family court sitting at:     Date: DD/MM/YYYY |
|  | In the matter of the Children Act 1989 |

**The child(ren) – use one per template per family**

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| **Names**  | **Gender** | **Date of Birth** | **Child’s current placement status** | **Child’s current legal status** |
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| **Local Authority and Social Worker details** |
| Case number |  |
| Filed by [local authority] |  |
| Social work statement number in the proceedings, e.g. 1st, 2nd |  |
| Social work statement number for this witness e.g. 1st, 2nd, 3rd |  |
| This author/witness’s name, qualifications, experience, and office address |  |
| This author/witness’s HCPC registration number |  |

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| **1. Case update** |
| * Why is the LA filing this statement
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| **2. The social work chronology** |
| Update since the last statement was filed. |
| **Date** | **Incident or sequence of incidents relevant to the child’s welfare** | **Significance** |
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| **Date** | **Significant events happening in the near future which are relevant for the child (e.g. the transition from primary to secondary school)** | **Source of evidence/ document reference** | **Significance** |
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| **3. Analysis of risk and protective factors** |
| **3.1 Updated social work analysis of the harm the child (or each child) has suffered and/or any risk of harm the child continues to face, in light of the updating events that have occurred.**  |
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| **3.2 Assessments and interventions within the proceedings** |
| **Organisation** | **Description of assessment/intervention** | **Date** | **Outcome and effectiveness** |
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| **4. Child impact analysis** |
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| **5. Analysis of Parenting Capability** |
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| **6. Analysis of wider family and friends capability** |
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| **7. The proposed S31A care plan – the ‘realistic options’ analysis** |
| First realistic option:  |  |
| Factors in favour | Factors against |
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| Second realistic option: |  |
| Factors in favour | Factors against |
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| Third realistic option:  |  |
| Factors in favour | Factors against |
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**7.2 List of options discounted as they were assessed to be unrealistic**

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| **Discounted option** | **Reason why discounted** |
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| **7.3 The preferred and proposed placement option for each child, with a proportionality evaluation that is a comparison of that option again other realistic options*** *Analyse the likely impact on the child of the preferred option.*
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| **7.4 The Contact Plan***The contact plan must be kept under review as circumstances change.* |
| **Child** | **Who contact is with and their relationship to the child** | **Brief rationale for the level of contact proposed** | **Level of support/ supervision required** | **Frequency and duration** |
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| **8. The range of views of parties and significant others** |
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| **9. Statement of procedural fairness** |
| Steps taken to ensure procedural fairness since the last statement was filed. |
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| **10. Conclusion** |
| The Local Authority’s Position and the Orders Sought |
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| **11. Signature** |  |
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|  | **The facts in this application are true to the best of my knowledge and belief and the opinions set out are my own.** |
| Signed |  |
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