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**Leaving care – 16 and 17 year olds**

Planning and Agreement

*The Local Authority has a duty to ensure that, when children have been accommodated under Section 20 (Children Act 1989) and are discharged from or leave care, the discharge is in their best interests and that they will be safeguarded and their welfare will be promoted.*

*Where a child has been accommodated under Section 20 for 20 days or more, the decision must be made by a Nominated Officer, or by the Chief Officer for Children's Services if the child/young person is 16/17 yrs.*

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| Date of Birth |  |
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| Date became looked after |  |
| Name of Social worker |  |
| Date of completion |  |
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| Name of IRO |  |

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| What was the reason for the young person being accommodated under Section 20?. (Brief summary).  What has changed, meaning its in their best interests to cease being looked after? |
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| View of the young person regarding the above? How was this gained? |
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| Background summary |
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| What is the Purpose of young person ceasing to be looked after?  What is the plan to achieve this purpose, including the suitability of the young person’s proposed accommodation, skills the young person needs to gain (such as cooking, budgeting, financial and staying safe) and what services and support might the young person need (or parent if returning home) and who/what services might they contact for support? |
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| View of Service Manager |
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| View of IRO |
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| Recommendation of Head of Service |
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| Authorisation of DCS/DO |
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|  | ***Relevant Young People***  *They are aged 16 or 17 and are no longer Looked After, having previously been in the category of Eligible Young Person when in care (that is, they have been Looked After for a period, or periods, totalling at least 13 weeks starting after their 14th birthday and ending at least one day after up to their 16th birthday). However, if after leaving care, a young person returns home for a period of 6 months or more to be cared for by a parent and the return home has been formally agreed as successful, they will no longer be a 'Relevant Young Person';* |