

Consultation Paper for a parent or person with parental responsibility



A review is an opportunity to make plans and decisions which will be very important to you and your child.

You should come to your child's review if possible so that you can make sure that the decisions made take account of your views and wishes. You may bring a friend with you to give you extra support and advice.

Most people find it difficult to say what they think in front of other people, so you may find it useful to write down what you want to say beforehand, by using this form, even if you are

coming to the meeting. If you cannot attend or are not invited then you can also use this form to help have your say.

Your views and feedback are extremely important. It is the role of the Independent Reviewing Officer to provide an independent perspective when plans are made for your child and to make sure that the local authority takes notice of your views.

Section 1

A review gives you the opportunity to contribute to the plans and day to day decisions for your child while he or she is looked after by Lambeth. Reviews are held regularly to monitor progress:

- **Initial review** – to be held within 4 weeks of the child becoming looked after
- **Second review** – to be held within 3 months of the initial review
- **Subsequent reviews** – to be held within 6 months of the previous review



Child/ young person's name.....

Your name

Relationship to child/ young person.....

Date of Review.....

Current Review

Review Date:

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1) Do you have an up to date copy of the child's Care Plan?

Yes No

2) What are your views about the Care Plan? Do you feel any changes are needed?

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(If you are attending the review)

3) Will you need any help to attend the review? e.g. Transport or providing an interpreter?

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4) Do you understand why you are coming to the review meeting, if not please tell us below?

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5) If there is a possibility that your child may be placed at home with you in the future, can you think of any other resources that would make it easier for you to care for them?

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Did you know?

- You can apply for a court order under the Children Act 1989 to formalise arrangements for seeing your child
- You can apply for the discharge of a Care Order under the Children Act 1989 by seeking legal advice
- You can make a complaint. Ask the social worker for a form

Section 2

Previous Review

1) Has anyone discussed the decisions that were made in the child/ young person's last review?

Yes No

2) Is there anything that you would like to discuss about the decisions made in the last review?

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3) Do you think that anything has improved for your child since the last review?

Yes No



a) Please give details

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b) If you answered No to the above, please tell us why

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Information

1) Are you aware of the reasons why your child is being looked after?

Yes No

2) Has the local authority kept you informed of the long term plans regarding the care of your child?

Yes No

If Yes

2a) Is there anything that you would like to see changed with regard to your child's long term Care Plan?

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3) Has anyone discussed with you the day to day care arrangements (Placement Plan) for your child's care?

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3a) Yes No

If Yes

3b) Is there anything that you would like to see changed with regard to your child's day to day Care Plan?

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Section 3

Contact

- 1) Have we been able to help you to keep in touch with your child (we call this contact)
- 2) How often do you have contact with the child/ young person?
Weekly Fortnightly Monthly

Other

- 3) Are there any changes that you would like to see made in the contact arrangements either for yourself or other members of your family?

Yes No

If yes, please tell us how in the space below

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Section 4

The Placement

- 1) Do you feel that the placement is meeting the health needs (physical and emotional) of your child/ young person?

Yes No

- 2) Do you feel that the educational needs of your child are being met in the placement?

Yes No

- 3) Please tick if you think these specific needs are being met:

| | Yes | No | | Yes | No |
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| Educational | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Cultural needs | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Physical health needs | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Ethical needs | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Emotional health needs | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Religious needs | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |



4) If you have answered no to any of the above questions can you use the space below to explain why, and what you would like to see changed?

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5) If your child is an older teenager (above the age of 14), do you think that there is anything that may help your child to develop their career/ future plans?

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Other Issues

Please use this space to tell us about any other issues that you feel should be discussed at the review meeting:

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Finally

Thank you for taking the time to complete this form. Please bring this form with you to the meeting or if you cannot attend give it to the child/ young person's social worker or the chair of the review beforehand.

**For any queries regarding Children
Looked After reviews and the
Consultation Paper, you can contact:**

The Independent Reviewing Team on
0207 926 8521 or **0207 926 8573**

The Children with Disabilities Team on **0207 926 6915** or
0207 926 6916

The Children Looked after Team 1 on **0207 926 5454**

The Children Looked after Team 2 on **0207 926 6569**

The Children Looked after Team 3 on **0207 926 5417**

The Children Looked after Team 4 on **0207 926 6783**

The Leaving Care Team on **0207 926 6315** or **0207 926 6325**

**If your child is not happy about something and there are concerns that their rights are not being met, you can put them in touch with the Children's Rights Service, or your child can contact the Children's Rights Officer directly on
Free phone: 08000 132 268 Mobile: 07949 501220 Email:
info@g2k.org.uk**