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| **Is the social worker qualified to prepare this report under the Restriction on the Preparation of Reports Regulations 2005** | Choose an item. |

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|  | **Applicable to CPR** | **Applicable to Annex B** |
| **Genograms** |  |  |
| **Background history of the child** |  |  |
| **Background history of the birth mother** |  |  |
| **Background history of the birth father** |  |  |
| **Medical Report** |  |  |
| **Summary of Medical Report** |  |  |
| **Foster carer’s description of the child** |  |  |
| **Wishes and feelings of the child** |  |  |
| **Views of the birth mother on this report** |  |  |
| **Views of the birth father on this report** |  |  |
| **(School or nursery report)** |  |  |
| **Photograph of birth parents** |  |  |
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**Section A - Details of the CHILD**

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| **Name:** |  |
| **Gender:** |  |
| **Date of birth:** | Click here to enter a date. |
| **Place of birth:** |  |
| **Ethnicity:** |  |
| **Child’s nationality / immigration status** |  |
| **Current address:** |  |
| **Date photograph taken:** |  |

**Photograph of child:**

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| ***(insert photograph here)*** |

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| **Identity** |
| * *this section should consider the Childs name the significance of the name* * *Relationships with birth family members* * *geographical area from which the birth family originate[ this may differ from the foster placement] does the child identify themselves with birth families original area or the foster family area for example an older child from Chesterfield may continue to support the local football team, they may have an accent associated to that area. Equally a child it was from a specific area and play in placement 50 miles away may associate more readily with that area. for babies I think it is fair to say we put the facts about the birth families original area on the area in which the foster carers reside in.* * *if the child has mixed heritage explore this further for example a white British / Asian – do we know the region in which the birth family from Asia originated from* * *Religion – it is important to explore a birth families religion and whether they have a wish for the child to be brought up as a specific religion it may be useful to understand the different sects of a Christian faith or an Islam faith as there are many forms* * *This may include a Childs language in which they are being raised within it may also include for the communication methods used such as sign language Makaton* |

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| **Physical description** |
| * The physical description should complement the photo of the child and include information that is not obvious, such as if the child is bigger / smaller that average * Date of the photo * Colour of eyes * Skin tone * Any scars, squint, cleft palate * Does the child wear glasses |

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| **Personality** |
| * Remember the child may read this in later life * Need to be balanced * Using words and phrases that are accurate and give a balanced and helpful picture of the child * Often useful to get different perspectives – foster carers/PAFT workers, other social worker school/nursery/parents if appropriate to get a full picture * Include child’s temperament * How well do they interact with others * How curious are they * Are they responsive to their care givers * Can they manage their emotions, do they need a comforter such as dummy, blanket? * Do they have any fears * likes |

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| **Social development** |
| * This section really needs to cover a great deal of the child including   + Emotional   + Behavioural   + Social development   + Self care skills * this should include a description and evaluation of the child's capacity for making an sustaining relationships and address the following; * how they are described by the carers in terms of warmth, enjoyment or wariness of intimacy, their playfulness, their responses to daily routines, to boundaries being set and to change in routines or circumstances * how the child is developing relationships with other children in the family including siblings * have a child is developing relationships with those at school * are they appropriately wary of strangers or overfamiliar * child sense of belonging two important people * any information from the SDQ’s * This is the section where we can really explore a Childs development in terms of their behaviours and possible reasons for their behaviours for example a Childs fears may derive from being locked in a cupboard from being bitten by a dog * Also explore any triggers for temper tantrums and in what circumstances do they occur, are they age appropriate or do they indicate previous trauma * Attachments can be explored here to birth family members and foster carers on this section can be the basis an analysis of further plans for example continued contact with birth siblings |

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| **Health** |
| Medical advisor will provide the information to insert here |

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| **Educational history** |
| Outline the significant factors about the child's education and their progress to date  anticipated needs of the child in relation to the education that should be taken into account in planning the adoptive placement  any key points or recommendations from the pep  also include the Childs experience of education is this been a positive experience or a negative experience  what are the child's favourite subjects at school  does the child undertake any additional how to school activities  does the child struggle with in school both academically and /or socially how do they cope with unstructured play times |

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| **Legal status and any previous orders concerning the child with details of dates and courts** |
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| **Inheritance Rights and any claims to damages under the Fatal Accidents Act 1976 the child stands to retain or lose if adopted.** |
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| **Any other relevant information** |
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**Details of siblings**

* *every sibling and half sibling listed on the family tree should be included*
* *where information is incomplete state why and the efforts taken to obtain it*
* *adopted siblings adopted names should be withheld and birth names used*
* *Use the circumstance section of each child to set out any decisions to be placed adopted or for SGO and whether a decision was made to place together or apart*

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| **The wishes and feelings of the child** |
| * This section should include and the work that has been done with the child and the Childs expressed wishes and feelings regarding adoption, This could have been expressed to foster carers contact workers a school as well as social worker * this should be updated in regards to work completed the Childs understanding of adoption for matching Panel as well * this could also include the social workers analysis of the Childs views whether the child has and age appropriate understanding or not, or whether they are influenced by birth parents current siblings or current carers |

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| **Any wishes expressed by the child in relation to contact arrangements or previous proceedings and dates when these views were ascertained.** |
| this again should be express through any work that is completed in preparation for the plan for adoption being made and then subsequently for matching for the adoption panel |

**Section B - Details of the BIRTH MOTHER**

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| **Name:** |  |
| **Date of birth:** |  |
| **Other names used:** |  |
| **Ethnicity:** |  |
| **Birth mother’s nationality / immigration status** |  |
| **Address:** |  |

**This should be a summary and not a chronology of detailed events**

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| **Date** | **Detail any significant events - , carers place of residence, bereavement or loss , major illness - to give a brief social history of the birth mother relevant to this CPR** |
| **20/ O2/ 1990** | **Jane was born at new street hospital Birmingham to her parents Alan and Patricia brown Jane remembers a negative childhood with her father misusing alcohol experiencing mental health difficulties and being violent towards her mother Jane has a sister Sara who is five years older than her** |
| **September 1994** | **Jane attends 4 dwellings primary school** |
| **September 2001** | **Jane attends 4 dwellings secondary school** |
| **December 2005** | **Jane's parents separate Jane and her sister remained with their mother but have frequent contact with their father** |
| **May 2006** | **Jane meets an starts a relationship with der the relationship ends when she tells him that she is pregnant** |
| **December 2006** | **Jane meets Jay S through Facebook and they begin a relationship this proves to be a turbulent relationship with many domestic disputes between the couple** |
| **February 2011** | **Jane gives birth to her first daughter Alice at new street hospital Birmingham** |
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| **Brief chronology of the history of birth mother** | |
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| **Identity** |
| * Identity - How does the birth mother describe her own identity? |

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| **Physical description** |
| Physical description - Is this sufficient for the child to form a picture of his / her mother, especially if photographs have not been obtained. Does it capture distinctive permanent features such as tattoos, birth marks, height, build etc.? Does this section capture features that the mother and the child may have in common; curly hair, eye colour, thick eyebrows etc.? |

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| **Personality and interests** |
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| **Dates of previous marriages or civil partnerships** |
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| **Health** |
| * Health: It is very important to ensure that any known genetic risk factors or any health conditions or disability which may be significant are identified here and information about the child’s family health history which may be relevant to the child’s future and future placement is highlighted. Information about known substance misuse during pregnancy should have been included here. |

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| **Educational history** |
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| **Employment history** |
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| **Any other relevant information** |
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| **Details of current contact arrangements with the child** |
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| **Details of contact arrangements for the child with anyone else in the maternal family** |
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| **Current relationship (if not with the birth father)** |
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| **History of relationship between birth mother and birth father** |
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| **Has the birth mother received counselling from an independent person in relation to the plan for adoption?** |
| Referrals to Birth family support are done once plan for adoption agreed by the ADM |

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| **Has the birth mother been given the opportunity to express her views on the adoption plan for the child?** |
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**Section C - Details of the BIRTH FATHER**

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| **Name:** |  |
| **Date of birth:** |  |
| **Other names used:** |  |
| **Ethnicity:** |  |
| **Birth father’s nationality / immigration status:** |  |
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| **Brief chronology of the history of birth father** | |
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| **Legal status of birth father in relation to the child** |
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| **Details of any issues in relation to paternity and the action taken by the local authority** |
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| **Physical description** |
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| **Any other relevant information** |
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| **Details of current contact arrangements with the child** |
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| **Details of contact arrangements for the child with anyone else in the paternal family** |
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| **Current relationship (if not with the birth mother)** |
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| **If the details of the birth father are not known, the information that has been ascertained, the source of this information and the efforts that have been made to gather further information** |
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| **Has the birth father received counselling from an independent person in relation to the plan for adoption?** |
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| **Has the birth father been given the opportunity to express his views on the adoption plan for the child?** |
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**Section D - Details of the actions of the Adoption Agency**

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| **Chronology of the actions taken by the agency with respect to the child** | |
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| **The ability and the willingness of the parents to care for the child (including details of any assessments undertaken)** |
| * this section is a significant part of your evidence as to why the child cannot be placed with either his birth parents or extended family members for the child and prospective adopters who will not necessarily see the full assessments on family members that are submitted to court this will help them understand why family members were not suitable * ensure that there are clear reasons set out for each assessment of the birth parent or family * a summary of this assessment and its outcome is required avoid cutting and pasting large sections of the reports into the CPR * set out the concerns and the risks for example domestic abuse then set out the evidence that suggests that birth parents cannot change this Behaviour and that the child would be at continuing significant risk of harm * **The social worker should bear in mind the relevant requirements of the welfare checklist, ACA 2002 s1(4) as set out below:** * **1 Considerations applying to the exercise of powers:** * **(1) This section applies whenever a court or adoption agency is coming to a decision relating to the adoption of a child.** * **(2) The paramount consideration of the court or adoption agency must be the child’s welfare, throughout his life…** * **(f) the relationship which the child has with relatives, and with any other person in relation to whom the court or agency considers the relationship to be relevant, including—** * **(i) the likelihood of any such relationship continuing and the value to the child of its doing so,** * **(ii) the ability and willingness of any of the child’s relatives, or of any such person, to provide the child with a secure environment in which the child can develop, and otherwise to meet the child’s needs,** * **(iii) the wishes and feelings of any of the child’s relatives, or of any such person, regarding the child. (Sec 1 (4) Adoption and Children Act 2002 is now amended to include prospective adopters, where the child is already placed).** * **CoramBAAF Practice Note 57 (reproduced at the end of these standards) provides helpful guidance in evaluating the issues to be borne in mind when weighing the factors in favour or against a permanent placement with parents, relatives or other.** * ***Please ensure you keep up-to-date with legislative changes and legal precedents occurring after the publication of this Practice Note*** |

**Section E - Exploration of extended family and consideration of their suitability to care for the child**

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| **Overall statement on exploration of other maternal family members** |
| * each adult family member indicated in the genogram should be considered in this section * Overall statement off the exploration of maternal and paternal excepted families should summarise and draw together the outcomes of the exploration of family members as potential permanent carers for the child this should indicate why the adoption of the child with strangers and the breaking of the Childs legal relationship with the birth family is the only viable permanence option available now in the future |

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| **Overall statement on exploration of other paternal family members** |
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| **Wishes feelings and views of others in relation to the adoption plan and contact arrangements** |
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**Section F - Details of the adoption plan**

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| **Details of the adoption plan (to include impact on siblings where relevant)** |
| * This section can draw together the Childs needs which has been indicated in section a and how prospective adopters can meet those needs now and in the future * this section should include an analysis and rationale as 2 whether a child will be placed together or apart from its sibling * this should also include an analysis regarding a Childs relationships with significant persons and whether indirect or direct contact is recommended and the reasons why * Details of the goodbye contact should also be written here * **if a child that is to be placed with a sibling that is currently in a separate foster placement details of how this will be managed moving forward for example will a bridging placement be identified for both children or will one child join the other child in the foster placement how long will they require to settle before it is appropriate for them to move on two adopters** * **If the plan for this child is to be placed for adoption with a sibling who was already being placed for adoption or adopted indicate the reasons for this decision** * **Outline the transition plan for example include but a child may require a longer transition plan van another child of their age why and what that may look like** * **include any services that may be required to meet a Childs particular needs for example a child with attachment difficulties may require theraplay upon placement** |

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| **If consent has been given for the child to be placed for adoption and also consent for the child to be adopted, the names of those who gave consent and the dates such consents were given. If such consents were subsequently withdrawn, the dates of these withdrawals.** |
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| **If any statement has been made under section 20(4)(a) of the Adoption and Children Act 2002 that a parent or guardian does not wish to be informed of any application for an adoption order, the names of those who have made such statements and the dates the statements were made. If such statements were subsequently withdrawn, the dates of these withdrawals.** |
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**Section G - Contact arrangements**

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| **Proposed Contact Arrangements** | |
| **Person** | **Arrangement (including for children, which adult will facilitate this arrangement) and Purpose** |
| **Relationship** |  |
|  | * Details on the specific arrangements need to be provided, including who has responsibility for initiating contact, and if it requires supervision, who has responsibility for this. Are there any risks to the confidentiality of the future adoptive placement from these arrangements?   **Relationships with birth family should have been explored in child’s identity** |
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**Section H - Summary and recommendation**

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| **Summary** |
| * This section should link together key analysis from previous sections leading to a recommendation to the Agency Decision Maker that an adoption plan is the most appropriate care plan to meet the child’s present and future needs for stability and permanence. |

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| **Recommendation** |
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| **Views of the CAFCASS Guardian** |
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| **The relative merits of a placement order and other orders with an assessment of why the child’s long term interests are likely to be best met by a placement order rather than by any other order.** |
| * Refer to CoramBAAF Practice Note 57. Regard must be given to the range of powers of the court and the alternative options for permanence. Adoption is to be considered in a context of permanence with a range of options for finding families for looked after children who need them. The range of options includes: * rehabilitation with birth parents * placement with extended family members or friends * child arrangement order together with a 91(14) restriction * long-term fostering, especially where consideration is being given to preserving sibling relationships * special guardianship orders * adoption |

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| **Recommendations as to whether there should be future contact arrangements (or not), including whether a contact order under Section 26 of the Children and Adoption Act 2002 should be made.** |
| * Detail arrangements for reducing contact between the placement order and match, ‘good-bye’ contact. Does contact need to be ‘defined’ by the court under Section 26 Children and Adoption Act 2002. What is considered to be appropriate contact for the child, what is its value and what is likelihood of the relationship continuing, especially in relation to other adopted siblings, or other siblings not adopted? |

**In the making of this recommendation I have taken into account the welfare checklist**

* **The ascertainable wishes and feelings of the child**
* **Physical, emotional and educational needs**
* **The likely effect on the child (throughout his/her life) of having ceased to be a member of the original family and become an adopted person**
* **The likely effect of any changes**
* **Age, sex, background and characteristics**
* **Any harm which the child has suffered or is at risk of suffering**
* **The capability of the parents to meet the child’s needs**

**Signatures**

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| **Signature** |  |
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**Social worker qualified to prepare this report**

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**Team Manager**

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**ATTACHED APPENDICES**

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| **Genograms** |
| **Chronology of moves for the child**  **Background History of the child** |
| **Background History of birth mother** |
| **Background History of birth father**  **Foster carer’s description of the child** |
| **Wishes and feelings of the child**  **Views of the birth mother on this report**  **Views of the birth father on this report**  **Medical report** |
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| **Chronology of moves for the child** | | |
| **Name** | |  |
| **Date of birth** | |  |
| **Dates or Age** | **Placement** | |
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| **Social Worker** | |  |
| **Signature** | |  |
| **Background history of the child** | | |
| **Name** | |  |
| **Date of birth** | |  |
| * The Childs history section should be used to set out this child story and bring together the facts contained in other parts of this report to tell this story * this section should therefore be both a description and an analysis and should include the following * prenatal experiences were known was the child exposed to alcohol and or other substances include prescription medication as well as illicit medication was there domestic violence or other trauma during their mothers pregnancy this should not be based not just on parental reports but also evidence from other sources * the structure and membership of the Childs birth family drawing on information from the family tree * the Childs relationships with their birth mother and father and other members of the extended family who have cared for them and how these have impacted on the child * their experience of being parented by birth parents and the reasons they became looked after * the known facts about end consequences of any abuse or neglect and how this has influenced the Childs emotional and behavioural development * include any significant events both positive and negative which the child may have some memory of and also identifying the gaps in the Childs records * Their experience of being cared for by foster carers or any others refer back to the chronology of care expand on the reasons for any changes of carers and consider the way in which previous moves occurred and have impacted on the child * This section should cover up to the present day and will need to be updated at each point the report is used. | | |
| **Social Worker** | |  |
| **Signature** | |  |
| **Background history of the birth mother** | | |
| **Child’s name** | |  |
| **Mother’s name** | |  |
| **Date of birth** | |  |
| * Detail any significant events from birth – details of parents or carers, place of residence, education, bereavements or loss, major illness, significant relationships, including any previous marriages or civil partnerships, to give a social history of the birth mother relevant to this CPR. * Relevant information should be summarised for this section. This will include the parents’ own experience of being parented, patterns of relationships and any care history. Care should be taken when naming individuals, for example, mother’s former partners, where these have no relationship to this child. First names or initials should be used where necessary. Where information is not available, state why not and the efforts made to obtain it. This section should include the birth of any other children of this parent. It should highlight significant events and dates where known but not duplicate detailed information from elsewhere in the report. * There will be a need to update information in this section where additional information becomes available after the initial completion of this report, e.g. following care and placement order proceedings or after birth parent counselling. | | |
| **Social Worker** | |  |
| **Signature** | |  |
| **Background history of the birth father** | | |
| **Child’s name** | |  |
| **Father’s name** | |  |
| **Date of birth** | |  |
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| **Social Worker** | |  |
| **Signature** | |  |
| **Foster Carer report on the child** | | |
| **Child’s name** | |  |
| **Date of birth** | |  |
| **First name of primary carer** | | **if confidential indicate this here** |
| **Physical Characteristics** | | |
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| **Personality** | | |
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| **Identity** | | |
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| **Interests, Likes and Dislikes** | | |
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| **General Health** | | |
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| **Development and Self-care Skills** | | |
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| **Social Skills and Relationships** | | |
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| **Education** | | |
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| **Summary** | | |
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| **Date** | |  |

**Wishes and Feelings of the child**

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| **Child’s name** |  |
| **Date** |  |

**A message for the social worker…**

It is important where possible to have information about the wishes and feelings of the child. This can be done and subsequently recorded in whatever way is most suitable for the child. Therefore this form is offered simply as one possible means of doing this. Children can present their views in whatever way they would like.

**A message for the child…**

Your social worker will have talked to you about adoption. They should have told you what this means. They should also have told you what they are going to do to find you adoptive parents.

If you feel you still do not understand what adoption means, you should ask to be told again until you feel you understand.

It is very important for the adults who are making decisions about this to understand what you think and feel about adoption.

You may want to write what you think about adoption in your own words. You may want an adult to write this for you. You might have lots to say. You may have very little to say. It is up to you, but whether it is a lot or a little, it is always very important. You can use these questions to help if you want or you can make up your own questions and answers. Or you can write whatever you think is important in your own way.

Thank you!

**What I think about being adopted**

**What I would like my adoptive family to be like**

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| **Some things that I like** |

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| **Some things that I don’t like!** |
| **These are some of the important things that I do** |

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| **These are some of the important people in my life** |

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| **Is there anything else you would like to say?** |

**We might not be able to do all these things but at least now we know!**

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| **To finish off would you put your name in this box? Thank you!** | |
| **Views of the birth mother** | |
| **Child’s name** |  |
| **Birth mother’s name** |  |
| ***I have been shown the details about me as recorded in my Child’s Permanence Report.***  **YES NO**    **I would like to add the following information**  **I disagree with the information for the following reasons** | |
| **Do you have any wishes or feelings about your child/children in relation to the plan to place them for adoption?**  **Do you have any wishes or feelings about your child/children in relation to their future religious or cultural upbringing?**  **Are there any other comments you would like to make about the way you would like your child/children to be brought up in their adoptive family?** | |

I have been given written information about the adoption process

**YES NO**

I have been offered / had independent counselling to support me in understanding why adoption is the local authority’s preferred plan for my child

**YES NO**

**Signature:**

**Date:**

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| **Views of the birth father** | |
| **Child’s name** |  |
| **Birth father’s name** |  |
| ***I have been shown the details about me as recorded in my Child’s Permanence Report.***  **YES NO**    **I would like to add the following information**  **I disagree with the information for the following reasons** | |
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**YES NO**

**Signature:**

**Date:**

**Photographs**

**Name:**

**Family status:**

(Insert photograph here)

**Name:**

**Family status:**

(Insert photograph here)