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**Local authority
social work evidence template**

**(SWET)**

## **3. Child impact analysis (complete for each individual child)**

### **3.1 Description of the child’s day to day experiences during the period under consideration**

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| ***Guidance notes to be overwritten:*** *Think about what has it been like for them, what it’s like for them now and why a court order is now being sought?* |

### **3.2 The child’s needs. An analysis of the harm they face. Risk and protective factors**

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| ***Guidance notes to be overwritten:**** *The social worker’s analysis of the harm the child (or each child) has suffered or is likely to suffer, and why they are at a high level of risk, should touch on the event/s that led to the application. This information should be balanced, and protective factors should be identified here too. The welfare checklist should be applied as appropriate throughout (see section 11).*
* *It may be helpful to specifically consider the interim position, harm and any changes proposed.*
* *Set out the steps taken to meet the child’s identified needs e.g. the services and support that have been and/or are being provided as well as the outcomes (or intended outcomes).*
* *The aim here is to provide an understanding of the impact of what has happened on the child (or each individual child within a sibling group).*
* *It is important to note that the same event can affect children within the same family differently, so this differential impact should be drawn out in the analysis, as well as the factors supporting a child’s resilience in the face of what has happened.*
* *The evidence used here can be primary – the direct experience of the social worker – or secondary – the social worker’s evaluation of evidence from assessments or the views of other people who know the child/ren or who have assessed their needs*
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