**Parent Carers Needs Assessment**

*“Parent carers also have rights to stand-alone assessments and new rights to services under the Children and Families Act 2014. Section 97 of the Children & Families Act 2014 amends the Children Act 1989 to require local authorities to assess parent carers on the appearance of need or where an assessment is requested by the parent. This is called a “parent carers needs assessment”.*

*Where requested, then the local authority must assess whether that parent has needs for support and, if so, what those needs are. The assessment must include an assessment of whether it is appropriate for the parent to provide, or continue to provide, care for the disabled child, in the light of the parent’s needs for support, other needs and wishes.*

*The assessment must also have regard to: the well-being of the parent carer; and the need to safeguard / promote the welfare of the disabled child and any other child for whom the parent carer has parental responsibility. Following assessment, the local authority must then decide whether the parent has needs for support; whether the disabled child has needs for support; and if so whether those needs could be met (wholly or partly) by services under Children Act 1989, s17.”*

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| Parent Carers Name |  | |
| Address |  | |
| Date of Birth |  | |
| Child with a disability being cared for | Name |  |
| Date of Birth |  |

**Section 1**

**The parent carer and their caring responsibilities**

This section focuses on the details of the care that a parent carer provides to their child(ren).

**Personal care**

This might include washing, cleaning teeth, choosing appropriate clothes and dressing, managing any other aspect of personal care.

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| The parent carer does not need to give any assistance with the child’s personal care. |  |
| The parent carer provides help with the child’s personal care sometimes. Please give details of what help is provided and how often. |  |
| The parent carer provides help with a child’s personal care every day. Please give details. |  |

**Managing nutrition**

This may include cutting up food, PEG feeding, prompting a child to eat a varied diet, supporting a child to prepare food or assistance in managing allergies.

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| The parent carer does not need to give any assistance when a child is eating or drinking. |  |
| The parent carers provides assistance with a child’s eating, drinking and nutrition. |  |
| The parent carers need to provide assistance with a child’s eating, drinking and nutrition every day. |  |

**Being safe in the home**

This may include manual handling/lifting, securing doors and windows, providing medication or needing to supervise the child to prevent them harming themselves or other family members.

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| The parent carers do not need to give any assistance to ensure the child/ren are safe in the home. |  |
| The parent carers needs to give assistance on some days to ensure the child/children are safe in the home. |  |
| The parent carers need to give assistance every day to ensure they are safe in the home; this is an intensive task which requires increased monitoring and oversight. |  |

**Making and maintaining relationships**

This includes relationships with peers and family members or supporting a child to be in a setting where there are peers to prevent isolation.

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| The parent carers do not give any assistance to the child/ren to enable them to make friends and maintain relationships with others. |  |
| The parent carers need to give assistance sometimes to the child/ren to make friends and maintain relationships. |  |
| The parent carers always need to give assistance so that the child/ren can make friends and maintain relationships. |  |

**Being out in the community**

This includes whether the child is able to attend activities, clubs or meet with others, without a parent carers support. This includes consideration of the child’s ability to access public transport or get to places without the parent carers transporting or supporting them.

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| The parent carers do not need to give any assistance for the child/ren to engage in the community or access activities. |  |
| The parent carers sometimes need to give assistance for the child/ren to engage in the community or access activities. |  |
| The parent carers always need to give assistance for the child/ren to engage in the community or access activities. |  |

**Their emotional wellbeing**

This includes whether the child’s disability causes them to become upset, angry, frustrated, depressed and the care you need to provide for them as a result.

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| The parent carers do not need to give assistance in relation to the child/ren’s emotional wellbeing. |  |
| The parent carers sometimes need to give assistance in relation to the child/ren’s emotional wellbeing. |  |
| The parent carers need to give assistance every day in relation to the child/ren’s emotional wellbeing. |  |

**Section 2**

**Impact on you as a parent / carer**

This section is used to consider the impact on parent carers of providing care to a child with a disability. This should include information about what is working well, what the parent carers feel is more difficult, any supports already in place and what support or service the parent carers feel would make a difference.

**Personal dignity and respect**

Do the caring responsibilities affect how the parent carers feel about themselves and how they feel others see them?

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| --- | --- |
| No |  |
| Yes |  |
| Support already in place or which the parent carers feel may be of benefit. |  |

**Physical and mental health and emotional wellbeing**

Do the caring responsibilities affect the parent carers’ physical, mental or emotional health?

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| No |  |
| Yes |  |
| Support already in place or which the parent carers feel may be of benefit. |  |

**Protection from abuse and neglect**

Do the parent carers feel at risk of physical harm or verbal abuse within their caring responsibilities?

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| No |  |
| Yes |  |
| Support already in place or which the parent carers feel may be of benefit. |  |

**Control over day to day life**

Do the parent carers’ caring responsibilities affect the control they have over their day to day life?

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| No |  |
| Yes |  |
| Support already in place or which the parent carers feel may be of benefit. |  |

**Participation in work, education or training**

Do the parent carers’ caring responsibilities impact on their ability to work, or undertake education or training?

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| No |  |
| Yes |  |
| Support already in place or which the parent carers feel may be of benefit. |  |

**Economic wellbeing**

Do the parent carers’ caring responsibilities place the parent carer and their family under financial stress?

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| No |  |
| Yes |  |
| Support already in place or which the parent carers feel may be of benefit. |  |

**Domestic family and personal relationships**

Do the parent carers’ caring responsibilities impact on their ability to maintain family relationships, friendships and offer attention to all members of their family they would want to?

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| No |  |
| Yes |  |
| Support already in place or which the parent carers feel may be of benefit. |  |

**Suitability of living accommodation**

Are the parent carers able to offer the care they would want to, in their current accommodation?

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| No |  |
| Yes |  |
| Support already in place or which the parent carers feel may be of benefit. |  |

**Ability to contribute to society**

Do the parent carers’ caring responsibilities impact on them being able to access social activities? Do they prevent them from being able to undertake volunteering or do other things that would contribute to them feeling part of their local or wider community?

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| No |  |
| Yes |  |
| Support already in place or which the parent carers feel may be of benefit. |  |

**Consent and Information Sharing**

This is a true record of my needs at this time.

The information I have supplied is true to the best of my knowledge.

I agree to the information on this form being shared with:

1. The child or young person(s) I care for. Yes/No

2. Other workers involved in providing care support. Yes/No

3. Partner agencies providing care on behalf of Torbay Children’s Services.

Yes/No

I agree to this carer’s needs assessment being held electronically by Torbay Children’s Services.

Signed Parent Carer:

Print Name:

Date:

Signed Social Worker:

Print Name:

Date:

**Parent Carers Support Plan:**

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| Identified need | Signposting, resource, guidance or advice required | Any other action |
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