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| **COVID Risk Assessment for Family Time** |

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| ***Face to Face Family Time for Family Time Contacts will remain (where it is safe to do so) for the following:***The Covid 19 outbreak is presenting challenges in all areas of the work that we undertake with children and families. **All arrangements for family time MUST HAVE A COVID RISK ASSESSMENT completed.**These are extreme and unprecedented circumstances that will inevitably have an impact on our ability to offer family time to all our children in care. We have therefore decided to facilitate family time, in which the following circumstances apply:* Following discharge of a baby straight into foster care
* Final goodbye before adoptive placement
* Where children are subject to care proceedings and/or where social workers have risk assessed that it is safe to supervise family time for children; this must be outside/outdoors or in a Covid secure environment which is properly cleaned between meetings to prevent the spread of the virus.
* For children in care, all arrangements for family time need to be considered on an individual basis.

Assessed contact will be for an hour a week once a week, subject to review.This position is consistent with other Local Authorities in the region and will be kept under review on a daily basis.**Where there are current Care Proceedings, our Legal Officers should be informed or consulted regarding arrangements for contact so that they can advise and also liaise with all parties and the Court.** For those cases where siblings are in different placement these contacts will have to be split into single households. It is recognised that there may be exceptional circumstances that mean that the risk of contact not taking place is greater than the risk of the virus being spread further. Such cases should be discussed with Service Managers and Heads of Service for the child and the carer and a risk assessment and plan will be put in place to minimise the risk. Examples of circumstances that might be deemed “exceptional” would be cases in which a parent or child has a life-limiting condition and is approaching end of life.  |

***Note to Social Worker – Please fill Green shaded boxes***

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| **Which criteria does your contact meet?** | **Please put X** |
| **1.** | **Final good bye before adoptive placement** |  |
| **2.** | **Following discharge of a baby straight in to foster care** |  |
| **3.** | **Cases in care proceedings where there is a compelling need for the purposes of an assessment to prevent delay in decisions being made for children (single placements or siblings in 1 household)** |  |
| **Please give details:** |
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| **4.** | **Children subject to a Care Order and/or currently overseen by the Children in Care Service** |  |
| **5.** |  **Social workers have risk assessed that it is safe to supervise family time for children (single placements or siblings in 1 household)** |  |

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| **Child’s Surname and DOB:** | **LCS Number** | **Allocated Social Worker**  | **Foster Carer’s Link Worker** | **Service Manager** | **SW Contact Number** |
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| **Which type of contact are you requesting?** (please put an X) | **Face to Face** |  | **Video** |  | **Both** |  |

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| **Attended Legal Gateway?** | **ICO?** | **Date of CLA Review & Key Dates** |
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| **Status** (Please put an X) | **PLO** |  | **Section 20** |  | **ICO** |  |

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| **Reason for Removal** |
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| **Where are the children in the court process and what is the plan for the children/family?** |
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| **What are the proposed arrangements for family time i.e. date, time, venue and supervision?** |
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| **Risks to Foster Carer and Other Children in the household** |
|  | **Social Worker** | **Contact Supervisor’s Comments** |
| **What is the risk?** |  |  |
| **What action has been taken to control the risk?** |  |  |
| **What further action needs to be taken to eliminate or reduce the risk?** |  |  |

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| **Risks to Child** |
|  | **Social Worker** | **Contact Supervisor’s Comments** |
| **What is the risk?** |  |  |
| **What action has been taken to control the risk?** |  |  |
| **What further action needs to be taken to eliminate or reduce the risk?** |  |  |

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| **Risks to Parent** |
|  | **Social Worker** | **Contact Supervisor’s Comments** |
| **What is the risk?** |  |  |
| **Are the children in school?****What action has been taken to control the risk?** |  |  |
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| **What further action needs to be taken to eliminate or reduce the risk?** |  |  |

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| **Risks to Contact Worker (if other than Contact Service)** |
|  | **Social Worker** | **Contact Supervisor’s Comments** |
| **What is the risk?** |  |  |
| **What action has been taken to control the risk?** |  |  |
| **What further action needs to be taken to eliminate or reduce the risk?** |   |  |

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| **Transport Arrangements:** |
| **Social Worker** | **Contact Supervisor’s Comments** |
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