**Name of Parent / Carer:**

**Name of Young Person:**

Your child has approached Bristol City Council stating that they are homeless.

Because of this, your child has been allocated a social worker. The social worker will complete an assessment with your family, to establish whether your child is homeless and should be provided with accommodation. It is important to understand that there is only very limited Youth Accommodation available within the city and that this can only be accessed in a planned way via a social work assessment and homelessness decision.

**As your child is under 18 years of age, you still have legal parental responsibility for them.** On this basis, the council expects you to look after your child at home until the assessment is complete and/or alternative accommodation is found, or for you as their parent to offer an alternate plan as to who within your network of family and friends can care for your child during this period (up to five weeks).

Alongside visiting you to complete the assessment, the allocated social worker (with other supportive services as identified) will continue to work with you to help you to keep your child safely living with you or the identified friend / family member and prevent them from becoming homeless.

If you need to contact Bristol Youth MAPS/ or allocated social worker during this period, please call:

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**Our Family Plan for \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

The assessment is starting on \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and is scheduled to take \_\_\_\_\_ weeks.

This plan is to make sure that \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ is safe and is not homeless whilst the assessment is undertaken.

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| **Who is involved in making the plan?**  | **Who are the important people in the child’s network who can help them to be safe? How do we contact them?**  |
| **What are our worries for \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_?** | **What is already going well or what can we offer to keep \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ safe?** |
| **This is our family plan:** **(Include who YP will live with; any others involved in the care of the young person; any support to be provided during this time; agreements made relating to the arrangement (eg. house rules); financial arrangements where applicable)** | **This is our contingency plan (the things that we shall all do if the plan is not working):** **(Who to contact if things de-stabilise; who can help to support the arrangement; who else will care for the young person should the arrangement break down)** |