

**LINCOLNSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL**

**CHILDREN'S SERVICES**

**APPROVAL OF STATEMENT TO COURT IN CHILDREN'S PROCEEDINGS**

This Statement should be completed in every case where a Written Statement is being submitted to Court. Where the Directorate is to be legally represented, the original should be forwarded with the Statement to the Directorate's Legal representative and a copy retained on the case file with the copy of the Statement. In cases where the Statement is to be filed with the Court direct, the original of the form should be retained on the case file.

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In respect of

Being heard at the Lincoln Family Court

Statement prepared by

A completed Statement for submission to the Court has been prepared in respect of the above named child.

 Please tick to confirm

I confirm that I have read and approved the attached report. [x]

I confirm that where applicable, all significant resource implications have [x]

been considered and approved on behalf of the Directorate by the

Area Manager.

I confirm that to the best of my knowledge, this Statement has been [x] compiled in accordance with the procedure "Reporting to Court: Preparing

Written Statements".

Signed ...................................................................... (Practice Manager)

Date ...................................................................... (Date forwarded to Court or Directorate's legal representative

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**CHILDREN'S SERVICES**

**Author:**

**Statement: Initial**

**Dated:**

**On behalf of Lincolnshire County Council**

**IN THE LINCOLN FAMILY COURT**

**STATEMENT UNDER THE CHILDREN ACT 1989**

**NAME OF CHILD**

**NAME OF PARENTS:**

**STATEMENT OF:**

**OCCUPATION:**

I declare that the information which I have given in the following Statement is correct and complete to the best of my knowledge and I understand that it may be placed before the Court.

Signed: ........................................................ Dated: ..........................................

**THIS STATEMENT HAS BEEN PREPARED FOR THE COURT AND SHOULD BE TREATED AS CONFIDENTIAL. IT MUST NOT BE SHOWN, NOR ITS CONTENTS REVEALED TO ANY PERSON OTHER THAN A PARTY TO THE PROCEEDINGS OR THEIR LEGAL ADVISER WITHOUT LEAVE OF THE COURT.**

**Care application under the revised PLO**

**Child’s name:**

**Age**

N.B. For sibling groups, use each child’s picture on this page. The local authority must obtain consent if it does not have parental responsibility.

1. C110A application form

The C110A can be found at Page B1 of the court bundle

2. The order/s sought and why

**2.1** **The order/s sought:**

**Succinct summary of reasons with reference as appropriate to the Welfare Checklist:**

**2.2 Previous court orders and emergency steps (includes this child, any previous children and all relevant civil and criminal orders) –**

**2.3 Any views expressed by the Children's Guardian during the Cafcass Plus Lincolnshire Initiative Process:**

3. Case details **3.1 The family composition is:**

*(Please set out the family members' full names, their dates of birth and their current addresses)*

NB Should include family members and relationships, especially the primary carers and significant adults/other children

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| **Name** | **Relationship** | **Parental Responsibility** | **DOB** | **Ethnicity** | **Address** |
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**3.2 Genogram (Including significant extended family members) See attached document**

4. Analysis of Risk and Protective factors (Using 'Signs of Safety' or other model)

**Safety:**

**Strengths:**

**Harm (past harm and future risk of harm):**

**Complicating Factors:**

5. Threshold criteria and statement

**NB The court may require a schedule of proposed findings if the threshold statement is contested or in certain circumstances. Set out the major issues affecting the child.**

**5.1 Summary of children’s services involvement (cross-referenced to the chronology)**

**5.2 Previous assessments, including any specialist assessments**

**5.3 Summary of significant harm and or likelihood of significant harm which the LA will seek to**

 **establish by evidence or concession**

**5.4 Any precipitating events**

6. Chronology of significant events (see attached document)

7. Child impact analysis

**7.1 Assessment of child’s needs, including the child’s daily lived experience**

**7.2 Risks to the child**

**7.3 Wishes and feelings**

**7.4 The child’s welfare and development timetable, including timetabling issues in the court process**

***Include dates of LAC reviews, medicals, proposed changes in education and any other significant dates for the child and if possible propose a date for final hearing***

**7.5 The Child or Young Person’s own statement (include and attach any pictorial work completed with child in relation to wishes and feelings)**

**7.6 Views of other Parties and/or Agencies**

8. Parenting Capacity

**8.1 Assessment of parenting capacity to meet the child’s needs, including the potential for change**

***Use as appropriate well-validated tools such as Sue McGaw model***

**8.2 Analysis of why there is a gap between parenting capacity and the child’s needs**

**8.3 Outcome of assessment/s for all alternative carers**

***Refer to Family Group Conference plan and viability assessments which have been completed***

9. Early Permanence and Contact analysis

**9.1 Where is the child to live and plans for contact (the care plan)**

***Cross reference to the proposed care plan***

**9.2 The contact plan**

NB The contact plan must be kept under review as circumstances change.

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| **Child** | **Contact with** | **Relationship to child** | **Purpose of contact** | **Level of support/supervision** | **Frequency and duration** |
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**9.3 What is needed to support these plans and by who, including future services needed?**

10. Statement of procedural fairness

**10.1 How has the local authority been clear in their communications, transparency and disclosure?**

The Local Authority has communicated all concerns about [name of child] to [name of the parents/carers] during social work visits, at child Protection planning and review meetings and in the pre-proceedings meeting [date]. [No. of letters] formal letters have been sent including the letter before Proceedings dated [date].

All concerns about [child's name] have been shared immediately with the parents/carers.

**NB A welfare checklist analysis has been applied throughout, including where health and educational needs are significant.**

11. Statement of truth, professional title, qualifications and signature

I, XXX, social worker of XXX council declare that the contents within this document are true and I make it knowing it will be placed before the court in the care proceedings in respect of

**Signature**

**Name and professional title**

**Dated**