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##### Age Assessment Report

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This age assessment has been drafted taking into account the guidance given by Mr Justice Stanley Burton in R (B) v Merton [2003] 4A11 ER 280.

Also the Judgement of The Supreme Court R (A) v LB Croydon R (M) v LB Lambeth [2009] UKSC8

and

The principles of fairness and good practice emphasised by Mr Justice Collins in A v Croydon WK v Kent [2009] EWHC 939 and NA v Croydon [2009] EWHC 2357 (Admin).

Age Assessment Interview

This interview is to enable Lincolnshire County Council workers to assess eligibility for support from Children’s services teams. It is to be completed where a foreign national has entreated the country illegally and has presented as an unaccompanied asylum seeking child (UASC).

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| Date the age assessment was undertaken: | | |  |
| Workers completing the interview: | 1. |  | |
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| Area team: |  | | |
| Interpreter: |  | | |
| Language: |  | | |

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| Statements to be read to Unaccompanied Asylum Seeking Child: | Explanation  Confirmed by UASC: |
| We are from Lincolnshire Children’s Services and provide help for vulnerable young people under the age of eighteen. We are not from immigration and have no power over any decision made about you asylum claim or any other decisions relating to your immigration status in the UK. Do you understand? |  |
| You have been given the opportunity to have an appropriate adult present during your interview. Would you like to have an appropriate adult present? |  |
| As you have entered the UK illegally the purpose of this interview is to ascertain your age so that you can be provided with the appropriate support. Any documentary evidence that you may will only be accepted once it has been authenticated by Home office officials. Do you understand? |  |
| This interview may take around 1 and a half hours and you may be asked questions which you find upsetting, if at any time you would like to stop to take a break, please say. Do you understand? |  |
| An interpreter who speaks       has been provided so that we are able to talk and understand each other. Are you able to understand the interpreter provided? |  |
| During the interview notes will be taken in order to write a report. A copy of this report will be given to UKVI, your solicitor, other professionals and yourself (not always immediately) |  |
| Before we commence with the interview please can you confirm that you:   * Are fit and well * Are sufficiently rested * Have been able to have something to eat and drink |  |
| Are you ready to begin and sign to acknowledge that you have understood all that has been explained to you so far? |  |

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| Signed: |  | (UASC) |
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| Signed: |  | (Interpreter) |
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| Signed: |  | (LCC witness) |
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| Signed: |  | (Appropriate adult) |

Section 1 – This section is about you and your identity: Personal details, language, religion and evidence of age.

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| Personal Details | | |
| 1 | First Name:  (Ascertain correct spelling) |  |
| 2 | Family Name:  (Ascertain correct spelling) |  |
| 3 | Do you use or are you known by any other names? |  |
| 4 | What is your Nationality? |  |
| 5 | Where were you born? |  |
| Evidence of age | | |
| 6 | How old are you? |  |
| 7 | What is your date of birth? |  |
| 8 | What calendar would you use in your home country? |  |
| 9 | What Year/Date is it now in your country? |  |
| 10 | What is your date of birth in this calendar? |  |
| 11 | Do you know your date of birth in the UK calendar? |  |
| 12 | How do you know your date of birth in the UK calendar? |  |
| 13 | How do you know your date of birth/Age? |  |
| 14 | Who told you this was your Date of Birth/Age? |  |
| 15 | When were you told your Date of Birth/Age? |  |
| 16 | Why were you told your date of birth/Age and how old were you? |  |
| 17 | Do you celebrate this date of birth/age? If so when was the last time you did this? |  |
| 18 | Do you have documents to confirm your Date of Birth/Age? (List) |  |
| 19 | Have you seen any of your documents? If so which? (List) |  |
| 20 | Can you read what is written on the document(s)? |  |
| 21 | Who obtained the document(s) for you? |  |
| 22 | When were the document(s) applied for? How old were you? |  |
| Language | | |
| 23 | What languages do you speak? (List) |  |
| 24 | Can you read in these languages? (List) |  |
| 25 | Can you write in these languages? (List |  |
| 26 | Can you understand and /or speak English? If so how much? |  |
| 27 | Can you read and write in English |  |
| Religion | | |
| 28 | What is you religion? |  |
| 29 | Are you practising? |  |
| 30 | Do you attend a place of worship? |  |
| 31 | Do you celebrate any religious festivals? |  |
| 32 | Do you fast as part of your religious celebrations? |  |
| 33 | If so when did you begin fasting? |  |
| 34 | How old were you when you began fasting? |  |
| 35 | How many years have you been fasting? |  |
| 36 | What would be the usual age to begin fasting in your country? |  |
| Further questions asked, observations, comments on this section. | | |
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Section 2 – This section is about your travel here to the UK, your reasons for coming to the UK and any family/friends you may have here.

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| Travel to the UK | | |
| 1 | Do you know what date you arrived in the UK? |  |
| 2 | How old were you when you arrived in the UK? |  |
| 3 | How long did it take you to get to the UK? |  |
| 4 | What date did you leave your home country? |  |
| 5 | How old were you when you left your home country? |  |
| 7 | What countries did you travel through and how long did you stay there? |  |
| 8 | Where did you stay whilst you were travelling here to the UK? |  |
| 9 | What did you eat and drink on the way? Who provided this? |  |
| 10 | Did you travel with anyone else? |  |
| 11 | How do you know them? |  |
| 12 | What are your reasons for coming to the UK?  (Age person was at specific events or date when they happened, who they have been living with and at what age. Ascertain who significant people are: family members, friends, enemies, etc) | |
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| **Family and friends here in the UK** | | |
| 13 | Do you have any friends or relatives who live in the UK? |  |
| 14 | Do you have any contact information for them? (Telephone numbers or addresses) |  |
| 15 | Have you been able to contact them on your travel to the UK or since you have been here? |  |
| 16 | Is it your intention to live with them now you are in the UK? |  |
| Further questions asked, observations, comments on this section. | | |
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Section 3 – This section is about your family life and other relationships, in your home country.

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| **Immediate family members** | | |
| 1 | What is your father’s name? |  |
| 2 | Where is he living now? |  |
| 3 | Do you know his age or date of birth? |  |
| 4 | What is your father’s employment? |  |
| 5 | Is he married to anyone else other than your mother? |  |
| 6 | What is your mother’s name? |  |
| 7 | Where is she living now? |  |
| 8 | Do you know her age or date of birth? |  |
| 9 | What does your mother do? Is she employed? |  |
| 10 | Do you have any brothers? If so how many and what are their names? |  |
| 11 | Do you know how old they are or what are their dates of birth? |  |
| 12 | Where are they living now? |  |
| 13 | Do you have any sisters? If so how many and what are their names? |  |
| 14 | Do you know how old they are or what are their dates of birth? |  |
| 15 | Where are they living now? |  |
| 16 | Can say who is older and who is younger than you in your family? | |
| (Use this space to sketch the sibling order) | | |
| 17 | When did you last see your family and where? |  |
| 18 | Where did you live and who with in your home country? |  |
| 19 | Do your family know that you are safe? When and where did you contact them? |  |
| 20 | Do you have an address and telephone number in order to contact them? |  |
| 21 | Do you have any family other than your immediate family in your home country? |  |
| 22 | Did you have any friends or a best friend in your home country? (Gather details i.e. how old are they how did they know each other) |  |
| 23 | Did you have a Girlfriend/Boyfriend in your home country? (Gather details, i.e. how old how long was the relationship) |  |
| Further questions asked, observations, comments on this section. | | |
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**Section 4 – This section is about your education, employment and leisure time whilst in your home or any other country.**

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| Education | | |
| 1 | Did you have schooling in your home country or any other country? |  |
| 2 | How many years did you attend? |  |
| 3 | How old were you when you started? |  |
| 4 | What was the year you started? |  |
| 5 | What did you study at school? |  |
| 6 | How often did you attend? |  |
| 7 | What type of the school/s did you attend and what ages were you? (i.e. primary, secondary, madrassa etc) |  |
| 8 | Where you a good student? (Explain, give examples) |  |
| 9 | Did you get any certificates from school? |  |
| 10 | How old were you when you left school? |  |
| 11 | What year was it when you left? |  |
| 12 | Why did you leave school? |  |
| 13 | What did you do after you left? |  |
| **Employment** | | |
| 14 | Did you work in your home country or any other country? |  |
| 15 | What was your job(s)? |  |
| 16 | Who did you work for? |  |
| 17 | How often did you work? |  |
| 18 | Did you get paid for this? If so where did your money go? |  |
| 19 | How old were you when you started this work? |  |
| 20 | How many years did you work for? |  |
| 21 | When did you stop working? (If ceased before leaving the UK ascertain why and what the young person did instead) |  |
| Leisure | | |
| 22 | When not working or in school what did you do in your spare time? |  |
| 23 | Did you have any friends? If so what did you play or do together? |  |
| 24 | Were you a member of any clubs or groups? (i.e. sports or political groups) |  |

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| Further questions asked, observations, comments on this section. |
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**Section 5 – This section is about your health and physical development: gathering information on your historical health needs, current health needs, your physical development and visual observations of your physical appearance and presentation throughout the interview.**

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| Health history | | |
| 1 | Have you ever seen a doctor prior to arriving in the UK? Where was this? |  |
| 2 | What did you see the doctor for? Do you remember the treatment? Give details: |  |
| 3 | How old were you? Do you remember the year? |  |
| 4 | Have you ever had an operation or been to hospital (including tooth extraction)? Give details: |  |
| 5 | How old were you? Do you remember the year? |  |
| 6 | Are you aware of any hereditary illnesses physical or mental that you have within your family? |  |
| Current Health | | |
| 7 | Do you have any health problems today? |  |
| 8 | Have you seen a doctor whilst you have been in the UK? |  |
| 9 | Any other information you would like to tell us regarding your health? |  |
| Physical development: Male | | |
| 10 | Are you married? If so who to and where is your wife now? (Gather details of age this happened) |  |
| 11 | Do you have any children? If so how many and where are they now? (Gather details of age this happened) |  |
| 12 | Do you currently shave? |  |
| 13 | How long have you been shaving? |  |
| 14 | What age did you start? |  |
| 15 | Why did you start shaving? |  |
| 16 | When did you last shave? |  |
| 17 | Ascertain reasons for any scarring, hair loss, grey hairs, developed hands that the young person may have, how this may have happened and when if known? |  |
| 18 | Have you ever lived independently? If so when? If not who did this for you? |  |
| Physical development: Female | | |
| 19 | Are you married? If so who to and where is your husband now? (Gather details of age this happened) |  |
| 20 | Do you have any children? If so how many and where are they now? (Gather details of age this happened) |  |
| 21 | Have you started your menstrual cycle? |  |
| 22 | What age did you start? |  |
| 23 | Ascertain reasons for any scarring, hair loss, grey hairs, developed hands that the young person may have, how this may have happened and when if known? |  |
| 24 | Have you ever lived independently? If so when? If not who did this for you? |  |
| Visual Reference (To be completed by the person observing the interview. Please ask to see hands and feet if appropriate.) | | |
| 1 | Height approx: |  |
| 2 | Pronounced Adams apple: |  |
| 3 | Pitch/depth of voice (i.e. deep, sharp): |  |
| 4 | Tone of voice (i.e. quiet, loud, aggressive): |  |
| 5 | Skin/hair on face and head: |  |
| 6 | Skin/Hair on Hands: |  |
| 7 | Skin/Hair on Arms: |  |
| 8 | Skin/hair on Feet: |  |
| 9 | Muscular/Build: |  |
| 10 | Physical Appearance i.e. jaw line, shoulders, build, hair on the body: |  |
| 11 | Physical demeanour and interaction during assessment: |  |
| Further questions asked, observations, comments on this section. | | |
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**Section 6 – This concludes the interview. An analysis of the information gathered and conclusion of age is made. Declaration, qualifications, signatures and contact details of the workers completing the interview are provided.**

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| Analysis of information gathered |
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| Conclusion of age | |
| Determined age: |  |
| Determined date of birth (if given): |  |
| Has the decision of the assessment of age been fed back to the person? |  |
| Has been issued with a letter outlining this decision and how to dispute this assessment should this be required?  (If ‘No’ please explain when this will be given by) |  |
| Has the decision of the assessment of age been fed back to UKVI? And a letter outlining this decision provided?  (If ‘No’ please explain when this will be given by) |  |

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| Qualifications, training and experience of persons completing the assessment |
| Person 1: |
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| Person 2: |
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| Declaration |
| I declare that all information contained in this report, was given by       through an interpreter and to the best of our knowledge is true and accurate.  All conclusions made in this report are based on information given by through an interpreter, their physical appearance and interaction during assessment.  Should any further information become available or concerns be raised regarding this decision then Lincolnshire County Council may initiate an additional interview.  Should any reassessment be appropriate it will be conducted by different Lincolnshire Children’s Services workers and not by those completing this assessment. |

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| Person 1 – Signed: |  | Date: |  |
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| Person 2 – Signed: |  | Date: |  |

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| Contact details |
| For the attention of |
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