*Parenting Assessment Plan ordered by Court*

*or / alternatively as part of further assessment*

The Court has ordered that a Parenting Assessment is undertaken of *Parent or Parent’s Names* and this is completed and filed on *XX Month XXXX*

This assessment will be conducted in accordance with the Framework for the Assessment of Children in Need and their Families [DoH 2000].

A series of appointments will be mutually agreed and arranged with *Parent/s name/s.*

*(One Parent Assessment) -* Up to four appointments lasting approximately 2 hours per appointment, will take place at the family home address.

*(Alternative suggested venue, if the family home is not appropriate, e.g. family centre. However, wherever possible, undertake the assessment within the family home).*

The appointment discussions will cover:

Basic details of family members, adults and children; understanding of the assessment, hopes for the future; physical and emotional health, parent/s own childhood experiences and relationships; education and employment; history of relationships; criminal / offending history; alcohol and drug use; why are we here - understanding of concerns; a pen picture of the *child/children’s* qualities, strengths and struggles.

Parenting – basic care, providing safety, meeting children’s emotional needs, supporting learning and development, guidance and boundaries, stability and consistency; support networks, explore future support/work.

In addition, the Social Worker will attend contact between *Child’s Children’s Name/s* and *her / his / their father / mother* on two or three occasions.

First mutually agreed appointment will be arranged during week commencing:

*XX Month 20XX*, where further pre-arranged appointments will be mutually agreed, arranged and confirmed.

*(Couple Assessment)* One initial joint appointment, two individual appointments with each parent and two joint appointments. During the appointments discussions will cover:

Basic details of everyone in the family, adults and children; understanding of participating in the assessment, hopes for the future; physical and emotional health, parent/s childhood experiences and relationships, education and employment; history of relationships; couple relationship; criminal / offending history; alcohol and drug use; why are we here - understanding of concerns; parent’s overview of the child/ren qualities, strengths, struggles.

Parenting – basic care, providing safety, meeting children’s emotional needs, supporting learning and development, guidance and boundaries, stability and consistency; support networks, explore future support/work.

In addition, the Social Worker will attend contact between *Child’s Children’s Name/s* and *their parents* on two or three occasions.

First mutually agreed appointment will be arranged during week commencing:

*XX Month 20XX*, where further pre-arranged appointments will be mutually agreed, arranged and confirmed.

*Name of Social Worker and Date.*

*Additional Considerations:*

* *Are any appointments required to be undertaken separately with a significant family member or named individual from support network.*
* *Is a PAMS Assessment component being undertaken? If so, the name of who is undertaking the assessment will need to be included and confirm that this assessment will be either filed separately or integrated within the Parenting Assessment.*
* *Consideration of whether an Advocate, Interpreter, Traveller Liaison or any other relevant professional supporting the family is required if so, consideration of their availability to attend appointments is required and will need to be confirmed.*

*Front sheet*

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In the matter of the Children Act 1989

Date: X Month 20XX

Child:

Child’s Name: XXXXXXXXX d.o.b: XX Month XXXX

Herefordshire Council

Parenting Assessment Plan

in respect of

Ms/Mrs XXXXXX XXXXXX, Mother

and

Mr XXXXXX XXXXXX, Father