**Please ensure your Interim care plan is set out exactly in the format below as this is a court document. Simply insert the information required where indicated. No text should be in italic on completion – ensure all guidance notes are removed.**

**INTERIM CARE PLAN**

FULL NAME OF CHILD:-

DATE OF BIRTH:

COURT CASE NO:

NAME OF COURT HEARING THE APPLICATION:

DATE OF NEXT COURT HEARING:

TYPE OF HEARING:

NAME OF LOCAL AUTHORITY: GLOUCESTERSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

NO. OF PLAN:

DATE OF PLAN:

**Section 1 – Overall Aim** (this needs to be succinct!)

* 1. Aim of the plan and summary of the timetable.

*The aim of this care plan is to safeguard XXX from being at risk of physical and emotional harm and neglect. It is also to ensure that his/her care needs are met both in the immediate term and longer term.*

*The Local Authority’s plan would be to place XXX with XXX whilst assessment of both of his/her parents is undertaken.*

*XXXX needs to live in a caring and secure environment to facilitate positive attachment experiences and ensure that he/she is appropriately stimulated and is safe from harm.*

*You can include details of twin tracking and whether seeking an Interim Care Order.*

**Section 2 – Child’s Needs Including Contact**

2.1 The child’s identified needs including needs arising from race, culture, religion or language, special education, health or disability.

2.2 The extent to which the wishes and views of the child have been obtained and acted upon.

2.3 The reasons for supporting this or explanations of why wishes/views have not been given absolute precedence.

2.4 The impact on the child concerned of any harm that he or she suffered or was likely to suffer

2.5 The child’s current and future needs and the way in which the long term plan for the upbringing of the child would meet those current and future needs

2.6 Arrangements for and purpose of contact in meeting the child’s needs (specifying contact relationship e.g. parent, step-parent, other family member, former carer, friend, siblings including those looked after who may have a separate placement any proposals to restrict or terminate contact.)

*Specify the interim contact proposals – if contact is to be limited you may need to refer to research. “The following contact arrangements have been informed by research with particular focus on assessing what contact arrangements will best provide for the developmental needs of XXX (name of the child) I the interim “*

**Section 3 – Views of Others**

3.1 The extent to which the wishes and views of the child’s parents and anyone else with a sufficient interest in the child (including representatives of other agencies current and former carers) have been obtained and acted upon.

3.2 The reasons for supporting them or explanations of why wishes/views have not been given absolute precedence.

**Section 4 – Placement Details and Timetable**

4.1 Proposed Placement – Type and details (or details of alternative placements).

4.2 Time that is likely to elapse before proposed placement is made.

4.3 Likely duration of placement (or other placement).

*It is expected that this interim placement will continue throughout the duration of the care proceedings*.

4.4 Arrangements for health care (including consent to examination and treatment).

4.5 Arrangements for education (including any pre-school day-care/activity).

4.6 Arrangements for reunification (often known as rehabilitation) (see also 4.8).

4.7 Other services to be provided to the child.

4.8 Other services to be provided to parents and other family members.

4.9 Details of proposed support services in placement for the carers.

* 1. Specific details of the parent’s role in day to day arrangements.
     1. *X (name of parents) will be consulted if any decision needs to be taken with regard to X’s day-to-day arrangements. Both XX and XX (parent’s names) will be invited to attend the Looked after Children Review meetings where some of these arrangements will be discussed.*

**Section 5 – Management and Support by Local Authority**

5.1 Who is to be responsible for implementing the overall plan?

* + 1. *Gloucestershire Children and Young People’s Service will be responsible for implementing this Interim Care Plan.*
  1. Who is to be responsible for implementing specific tasks within the plan.

*5.2.1 X, the Social Worker, for X the child, and XX , the Team Manager of the Children and Families Team, will be responsible for ensuring specific tasks will be undertaken.*

5.3 Dates of review and the name of the Independent Reviewing Officer (if appropriate).

5.4 Contingency plan if placement breaks down or if preferred placement is not available.

*When considering contingency planning, this should include the provision of extra support to prevent breakdown with some thinking as to what this would be and consideration of what other plan would meet the child’s needs.*

5.5 Arrangements for input by parents, the child and others into the on‑going decision making process.

*XXXXX and XXXXX will be consulted and involved in decisions regarding XXXXX care and the decision-making process. XXXXX and XXXXX will need to seek legal advice and legal representation.*

5.6 Arrangements for notifying the responsible authority of disagreements about the implementation of the Care Plan or making representations or complaints.

* + 1. *XXX have been informed of the Local Authority’s complaints procedures and may also raise specific concerns either directly with the social workers or through the review consultation process. It is the Local Authority’s intention to resolve any complaints at the most local level whenever possible.*

This interim care plan was prepared by (social worker)      .

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Dated:

This care plan was approved by *(this needs to be Team Manager AND Head of service)*

Dated:

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