The purpose of a chronology is to record significant events that have had, or continue to have a significant impact (positive or otherwise) on the child.

**Name of Child or Young Person : Date of Birth :**

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| **Date or period of event** | **Significant Event** | **Source** | **Impact (either positive or negative)** | **Action Taken to mitigate adverse impact on child** | **Date of Entry** |
| The date/period of the significant event should be recorded here | A brief description of the event should be recorded here. Children and their families will see this information. Language should be plain English and non-judgemental. Information should be clear, factual,accurate evidenced based and concise to support good decision-making. **A significant event may include:-**1.Changes in the child’s wellbeing-health and development2.Changes in the parent’s or carer’s wellbeing3.Changes in the family structure or circumstances ie divorce/separation; new partner; bereavement;housing;unemployment4.Changes in the child’s child protection or legal status5.Events such as missing appointments; absence/exclusion from school; involvement in offending behaviour; running away/missing6.Frequency of child concern reports; referrals; investigations.7.Frequent changes in professional staff or services/agencies accessed by the child or family | The source of the event should be recorded here ie who and what service/agency provided the information. | Where known the impact, whether positive or negative, on the child should be recorded here.If unknown say so.The impact on the child may become clearer over time and may also change. | Professional action or response taken to mitigate any adverse impact on the child should be recorded here.This should include any single practitioner/service/agency response and multiagency responses.If no action taken, specify why not. | The date on which the entry is made should be recorded here as soon as possible after the significant event has been identified.Also acknowledge any retrospective recording. |