**SECURE ACCOMMODATION ON WELFARE GROUNDS**

Any decision to place a child in a secure placement on welfare grounds can only be made with the specific approval of the Director of Children’s Services and, if made, must be notified to those consulted and the child's Independent Visitor.

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| Name of child |  |
| DOB\* |  |
| Current address |  |
| Who has PR |  |
| The grounds/concerns/criteria/aims of the proposed secure placement |  |
| Evidence that s25 criteria are met  Section 25 Use of accommodation for restricting liberty.**E+W+S**  (1)Subject to the following provisions of this section, a child who is being looked after by a local authority [in England or Wales] may not be placed, and, if placed, may not be kept, in accommodation [in England or Scotland] provided for the purpose of restricting liberty (“secure accommodation”) unless it appears—  (a) that (i) he has a history of absconding and is likely to abscond from any other description of accommodation; **and** (ii)if he absconds, he is likely to suffer significant harm;  **OR**  (b)that if he is kept in any other description of accommodation he is likely to injure himself or other persons. |  |
| What alternatives have been tried/considered and the outcomes |  |
| View of the child |  |
| Views of the parents/others with PR |  |
| Comments from Children’s Social Care [social worker, team manager, IRO] |  |
| Comprehensive and concise chronology |  |

**ADM decision**

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| Decision requested to be made by the ADM |  |
| Documents viewed as part of the ADM decision making process |  |
| Advice received as part of the ADM decision making process |  |
| Criteria under s25 met? | Yes/No |
| Is secure accommodation the only appropriate method of dealing with the situation? |  |
| Alternatives have been comprehensively considered and rejected? |  |
| Clear view of the aims and objectives of such a secure accommodation placement? |  |
| Is the placement urgent?, does a placement for a maximum of 72 hours required whilst matters are brought before the Court?\*\* |  |
| Agency Decision makers decision |  |
| Rationale for the recommendation of the plan approved by the ADM |  |
| Date of ADM decision |  |
| Name, role and signature of the ADM |  |

\* In relation to a child under 13 years, the approval of the Secretary of State will also be required and, after the approval of the Director of Children’s Services has been obtained, a written request should immediately be sent to the Secretary of State.

\*\* Where the placement is required before there is time to obtain a Secure Accommodation Order, the ADM can authorise the placement for up to a maximum of 72 hours.