CHILD’S PERMANENCE REPORT

(Where there is Parental Consent to Place)

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(Where there will be an Application for a Placement Order)

PRACTICE DIRECTION 14C ANNEX B REPORT TO COURT WHERE THERE HAS BEEN AN APPLICATION FOR A PLACEMENT ORDER (delete as appropriate)

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| Name of child |  |
| Date of birth |  |
| Photograph of child |
| Date photograph taken |  |

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 2. Adoption agency details

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| Name of agency | Adopt London South (ALS) |
| Address | 160 Tooley StreetLondon SE1 2QH |
| Tel. no. |  |
| Adoption agency case reference no. |  |

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| Name of social worker completing this form |  |
| Address if different from the one above | Wandsworth Children’s ServicesTown Hall ExtensionHigh StreetLondonSW18 2PU |
| Tel. no. |  |
| Email |  |
| Signature: |  |
| Is the social worker qualified under the Restriction on the Preparation of Reports Regulations 2005 to prepare this report?(b) |  |
| If no, give details below of the person who is qualified and has supervised the preparation of this report |
| Name |  |
| Signature |  |
| Name of team manager(c) |  |
| Address if different from the one above |  |
| Tel. no. |  |
| Email |  |
| Signature |  |

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| Name of social worker responsible for family finding  |  |
| Address if different from the one above | Adopt London South (ALS)160 Tooley StreetLondon SE1 2QH |
| Tel. no. |  |
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| Date report completed |  |
| Date report updated(e) |  |
| Date of agency decision that child should be placed for adoption |  |
| Date of care order/placement order or any other orders made |  |

3. Essential information about the child (f)

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| Surname |  |
| First names |  |
| Other names child is known by (including familiar names) |  |
| Date of birth |  |
| Place of birth |  |
| Nationality |  |
| Sex |  |
| Current address *(can be withheld if confidential)* (f) |  |
| Local authority area of this address |  |

4. Details of current carer

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| Name of person(s) at this address who is the main carer of the child |  |
| Relationship/status of this person(s) to the child |  |
| Tel. no. |  |
| Email |  |

5. Family composition

This section should include birth parents, other family members, significant adults and other children and should specify the relationship to the child. Please set out the family members' full names, their dates of birth and their current addresses. For siblings (h) note whether full or half-sibling, maternal or paternal and if living with the child.

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| Name | Relationship | Parental responsibility | DOB | Nationality | Ethnicity (g) | Address |
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6. Legal status of child

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| If there is a court order in force, give name of court, date on which order was made and type of order |
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| Have any orders been applied for but not yet granted? If so, which orders and at which court and date of application?  |
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| Give date of final hearing if known |  |
| If the child is subject to proceedings, who are the parties to the proceedings? |
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| Is the child provided with accommodation under section 20 or section 59(1) of the Children Act 1989? |  |
| Give details and date of any formal or advanced consent to the placement of the child for adoption and the making of the adoption order (and whether yet witnessed by a CAFCASS officer). If subsequently withdrawn, give date withdrawn. |
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| Give details and the date where the parent or guardian has made a statement under section 20(4)(a) of the 2002 Act that they do not wish to be informed of any application for an adoption order. If such statements were subsequently withdrawn, give the dates of these withdrawals |
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| Has the child any rights/claims under section 30 of the Fatal Accidents Act 1976 or any other rights to or interest in property which they may lose or gain if an adoption order is made? *If yes, please give details* |
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7. CAFCASS Guardian’s provisional view on whether adoption would be an appropriate plan if a care order is made (i)

Include name of Guardian, the date their view was given and whether written or verbal

8. Chronology of the child’s care since birth (j)

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| Age of child (yrs and mths) | From | To | Placement details – name of parent/carer and observations on the care provided | Reason for move |
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9. Descriptive and evaluative report on child (k)

In compiling this report, where evidence has been drawn from the reports of other professionals, give details below

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| Name of report  | Author of report | Professional position  | Date of report |
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Description of the child (l)

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| 9.1. Physical description |
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| 9.2 Child’s personality |
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| 9.3 Interests, likes and dislikes |
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| 9.4 Self-care skills  |
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| 9.5 Emotional, behavioural and social development |
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| 9.6 Identity |
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| 9.7 Religion – Has a religion been identified for the child? Does the child actively participate in their religious faith? Has the child been formally admitted to their religion through a recognised ceremony (state which)? |
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| 9.8 Language – Identify child’s first language and any other languages the child uses in daily living |
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| 9.9 The child’s health(m) |
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10. Summary report from the agency medical adviser (m)

(insert or attach)

11. The child’s education

This section should include all school placements, including playgroup and nursery provision

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| From  | To | Name of provider and address | Type of educational provision |
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| Does the child have a Statement of Special Educational Needs under the Education Act 1996?  |  |
| If yes, include a summary of the main features and requirements. Attach any relevant copies of the following: the Statement, Annual Review Report, latest school and educational psychologist’s report and other relevant reports or plans. |
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| If no, is the child receiving additional support, e.g. School Action, School Action Plus or Behavioural Support? |
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| 11.1 Summary of child’s educational progress and needs(n) |
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12. Summary of relevant family history and the child’s history (o)

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| 12.1 Summary account of relevant family history |
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| 12.2 Summary account of child’s history from their birth to present time (including prenatal experience) and how this led to them becoming looked after |
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13. Social worker’s analysis of the child’s needs and the implications for their future placement (p)

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14. Child’s wishes and feelings about adoption and contact (q)

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| Give date when views were last ascertained, and details of those views |
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| 14.1 Social worker’s analysis of the wishes and feelings of the child(r) |
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| 14.2 Any further relevant information |
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15. The child’s birth mother (s)

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| Surname |  |
| First names |  |
| Are these the names used at the time of the child’s birth? If no, what were they? |  |
| Other names used (including familiar names) |  |
| Date and place of birth |  |
| Nationality and immigration status |  |
| Racial origin, cultural and linguistic background |  |
| Current address (Give date when last confirmed) |  |
| Local authority area |  |
| A recent good quality photograph should be attached or inserted here or reasons given where not available. |
| Date of photograph:  |  |

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| 15.1 Give a brief description of the birth mother |
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| 15.2 Briefly describe the personality and interests of the birth mother |
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| 15.3 Brief details of the birth mother’s education history |
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| 15.4 Current occupation or profession |
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| 15.5 Brief details of her employment history |
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| 15.6 Brief description of the home and neighbourhood where she lives |
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| 15.7 Brief summary of any relevant health factors |
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16. Details of birth mother’s current partner (if not the child’s birth father)

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| First names |  |
| Surname |  |
| Other names (including familiar names) |  |
| Sex |  |
| Occupation or profession |  |
| Status and length of relationship with birth mother (married, civil partnership, cohabiting), including relevant dates |
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17. Summary and brief social history of the birth mother

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| Date where known | Detail any **significant** events from birth – details of parents or carers, place of residence, education, bereavements or loss, major illness, significant relationships, including any previous marriages or civil partnerships, to give a brief social history of the birth mother relevant to this CPR**(t)** |
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18. Birth father with parental responsibility (PR) for the child

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| How did he acquire PR for the child?(s) |  |
| Does he know of the plan to place the child for adoption?  |  |
| If yes, give details of any formal or advanced consent to the placement of the child for adoption and the making of the adoption order (witnessed by a CAFCASS officer)  |
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| If no, has the agency decided that it is appropriate to counsel and advise him? Is there any ongoing contact with him directly or through another agency? |
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19. Birth father without parental responsibility (PR)

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| Is the identity of the birth father without PR known to the agency? |  |
| Has the paternity of the child been confirmed?  |  |
| If yes, indicate how this was confirmed |
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| Is anyone else claiming paternity of the child? If yes, give brief details |
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| Does the birth father know of the birth of the child and what contact has there been with the agency? *If he knows, set out what steps have been taken to counsel and advise him. Are these continuing? If not and the agency knows his identity, has the agency decided that it is appropriate to counsel and advise him? Is there any ongoing contact with him directly or through another agency?* |
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| Does the birth father intend to apply for parental responsibility for the child, or for a residence or contact order? |  |
| If yes, give details |
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20. The child’s birth father (s)

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| Surname |  |
| First names |  |
| Are these the names used at the time of the child’s birth? If no, what were they? |  |
| Other names used (including familiar names) |  |
| Date and place of birth |  |
| Nationality and immigration status |  |
| Racial origin, cultural and linguistic background |  |
| Current address (Give date when last confirmed) |  |
| Local authority area |  |
| A recent good quality photograph should be attached or inserted here or reasons given where not available. |
| Date of photograph:  |  |

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| 20.1 Give a brief description of the birth father |
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| 20.2 Briefly describe the personality and interests of the birth father |
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| 20.3 Brief description of the birth father’s education history |
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| 20.4 Current occupation or profession |
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| 20.5 Brief details of his employment history |
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| 20.6 Brief summary of any relevant health factors |
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| 20.7 Brief description of the home and neighbourhood in which he lives |
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21. Relationship between the birth mother and birth father

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| What was the status of the birth father’s relationship with the child’s birth mother at the time of the birth of the child (married, cohabiting) and what is the current status of the relationship (separated, divorced, living apart) – include dates |
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| Give a brief description of the past and current relationship of the birth parents with each other and their views of this |
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22. Details of the birth father’s current partner (if not the child’s birth mother)

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| First names |  |
| Surname |  |
| Other names (including familiar names) |  |
| Sex |  |
| Occupation or profession |  |
| Status and length of relationship with birth father (married, civil partnership, cohabiting), including relevant dates |
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2**3. Summary and brief social history of the birth father**

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| Date where known | Detail any significant events from birth – details of parents or carers, place of residence, education, bereavements or loss, major illness, significant relationships including any previous marriages or civil partnerships (t) to give a brief social history of the birth father relevant to this CPR(t) |
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24. Child’s siblings (full/half)

Complete this section for each identified sibling(u)

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| Surname (can be withheld if confidential) |  |
| First names |  |
| Date of birth |  |
| Place of birth |  |
| Sex |  |
| Ethnicity |  |
| Nationality |  |

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| Birth mother’s full name (surname first) |  |
| Birth father’s full name (surname first) |  |

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| Current carer’s name (where appropriate) |  |
| Current carer’s address (where appropriate) |  |
| Relationship/status of current carer to child |  |
| A recent good quality photograph should be attached here if appropriate or reasons given where not available |
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| Date of photograph:  |  |

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| 24.1 Give a brief description of the child and their personality |
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| 24.2 Current circumstances and legal status of sibling*Set out the child’s current circumstances, whether they are currently “looked after”, and if so give details of the local authority that has responsibility for this sibling and their legal status. If there is a court order in force, give details of the type of order, the name of the court and the date on which the order was made. If an order has been applied for and not yet granted, give brief details.* |
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| 24.3 Plan for this sibling*Give brief details of the current plan for this sibling and whether a sibling assessment has been completed. If the plan for this sibling is adoption, indicate if this sibling is to be placed with the child subject to this CPR or any other siblings.* |
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| 24.4 Sibling relationship*Describe the nature of the relationship between this sibling and the child, including the length of the relationship, where and when they have lived together, the frequency of any contact and the quality of their relationship. Summarise the findings and outcome of any sibling assessment undertaken and state what decisions have been made about placement and the importance of them maintaining a relationship.* |
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25. Other significant relatives or relevant people (v)

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| Name  |  |
| Relationship and significance to the child (including if they hold PR) |  |
| View of the plan and date obtained |  |

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| Name |  |
| Relationship and significance to the child (including if they hold PR) |  |
| View of the plan and date obtained |  |

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| Name |  |
| Relationship and significance to the child (including if they hold PR) |  |
| View of the plan and date obtained |  |

26. Current contact arrangements for the child

| **Relative or person** | What are the current arrangements? (Include frequency, location and supervision arrangements) | Child’s experience of contact (Give brief details of the quality of this contact. Is it meeting the child’s needs?) |
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| **Birth Mother** |  |  |
| **Birth Father** |  |  |
| **Maternal Grandparents** |  |  |
| **Paternal Grandparents** |  |  |
| **Sibling 1** |  |  |
| **Sibling 2** |  |  |
| **Sibling 3** |  |  |
| **Other significant people (name and relationship)** |  |  |

27. Proposed contact arrangements for the child (w)

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| What transitional arrangements are planned once the care order/placement order is made? |
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28. Planned contact arrangements and details after placement and after adoption (w)

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| What are the proposed contact arrangements post-placement and post-adoption order as set out in the Care Plan? Set out the reasons for the plan and how it is considered to meet the needs of the child.  |
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| Give details of the arrangements for all relevant people set out below, e.g. direct or letterbox, frequency, duration, any other relevant details and any support or supervision requirements. |
| Birth mother |  |
| Birth father |  |
| Birth mother’s current partner |  |
| Maternal grandparents |  |
| Paternal grandparents |  |
| Sibling 1 (name) |  |
| Sibling 2 (name) |  |
| Sibling 3 (name) |  |
| Other significant people (name and relationship) |  |

29. Chronology of the key decisions and actions taken by the agency with respect to the child (x)

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30. Support to the birth mother

See ‘Birth parent’s views’ section in Checklist, Guidance and Tools

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| What support or services has the birth mother been offered or taken up? Has she been referred for/received counselling from an independent person in relation to the plan for adoption? (Give details) |
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| Has the birth mother been given an opportunity to state her views on the adoption plan for the child?Give date when views were last ascertained and briefly describe the outcome and her views. If no views were received, set out attempts made and reasons for non-completion. |
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| Has the birth mother been shown the relevant sections of this CPR? |  |
| If yes, note date shown and briefly describe the outcome of this. If no, give reasons. |
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| If the birth mother has written her own account, is this included within or appended to this report? |
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31. Support to the birth father

See ‘Birth parent’s views’ section in Checklist, Guidance and Tools

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| What support or services has the birth father been offered or taken up? Has he been referred for/received counselling from an independent person in relation to the plan for adoption? (Give details) |
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| Has the birth father been given an opportunity to state his views on the adoption plan for the child?Give date when views were last ascertained and briefly describe the outcome and his views. If no views were received, set out attempts made and reasons for non-completion. |
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| Has the birth father been shown the relevant sections of this CPR? |  |
| If yes, note date shown and briefly describe the outcome of this. If no, give reasons. |
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| If the birth father has written his own account, is this included within or appended to this report? |
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**32. Ability and willingness of each parent and other family members or relevant persons to permanently care for the child** (y)

For each parent or guardian and/or where relevant the child’s relatives or any other person where an assessment has taken place, set out a summary of the assessment findings and your analysis of their ability and willingness to provide the child with a secure environment that encourages their full development and meets their needs. Include the care/legal options that have been explored in relation to this carer and the reasons why the options have been discounted (ACA 2002 s.1(4)(f)(ii))

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| Name: |  |
| Relationship to the child: |  |
| Summary of assessment and social worker’s analysis of their parenting capability – their willingness and ability to provide a secure environment in which the child can develop and how they could meet the child’s needs within the child’s timescale |
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| Assessment and analysis of whether there should be an ongoing relationship with contact being continued and the value to the child of this happening |
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| Their wishes and feelings regarding the plan for the child and date ascertained (if not covered elsewhere) |
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33. Brief details of assessments of the child’s needs, giving date undertaken and expert’s opinion

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34. Summary of the reasons for considering that adoption would be in the child’s best interests

(Including addressing *all* the options which are realistically possible and analysis of the arguments *for* and *against* each option with date of relevant decision and reasons for any delay in implementing the decision) (z)

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| First realistic option:  |  |
| Factors in favour | Factors against |
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| Second realistic option: |  |
| Factors in favour | Factors against |
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| Third realistic option:  |  |
| Factors in favour | Factors against |
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| Reason why adoption is the preferred and proposed placement option  |
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Section C: Recommendations

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| The relative merits of a placement order and other orders (such as a residence order or special guardianship order), including an assessment of why the child's long-term interests are likely to be best met by adoption rather than by any other order |
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| Recommendations as to whether there should be future contact arrangements (or not), including whether a contact order under section 26 of the 2002 Act should be made  |
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