**Durham Independent Reviewing Officer (IRO) **

**Views for Court**

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| **Case Number:**  **Name of Court:** |  |
| **Child/Children’s Name:** |  |
| **Child / Children’s Date of Birth:** |  |
| **Name of Independent Reviewing Officer (IRO):** |  |
| **Dates of involvement with child / children from the IRO Service:** | Consider the following to include  I have been the allocated IRO for ???? since ???.  I have chaired CLA reviews on the following dates: ??  I have carried out placement visits on the following dates:?? |
| **Dates of significant changes to Care Plan.** | This should not be a chronology, but should consider the significant dates which changed the care plan, for example, the date of the final plan being ratified, decision to support a SGO, Placement with Parent Regulations. |
| **I have read the following documents:** | Consider following examples, Final Care Plan and SWET, parenting assessment, expert assessment etc. |
| **I am satisfied I have a clear understanding of the following views from:**  **Views of parents/those with PR**  **Views of child**  **Significant others** | Consider how you have gained an understanding of parental and children’s views and those of significant others, also if views have not been obtained why. |
| **I am in agreement with the Local Authority’s care plan?** | Yes  No |
| **The rationale and reasons regarding the IRO’s view regarding the Local Authority proposed plan for the child/ren.**  *Draw upon the evidence you have read. How has this shaped your views?*  *Consider the strengths and vulnerabilities if any, in the plan.*  *Are there any parts of the plan I am not in agreement, e.g. What orders? Separation of brother and sister? Family time?* | |
| I believe that the facts stated in this witness statement are true.  **IRO Signature:** | **Date:** |
| I have read and quality assured this document.  **IRO Service Manager Signature:** | **Date:** |