Reunification Support Service (RSS) – Checklist





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| 1 | Social Worker, Social Work Team and IRO and key partners agree that reunification is the child’s care plan and there is an updating assessment to evidence this decision. |  |
| 2 | Social Work Team notify RSS of request for support |  |
| 3 | RSS review request and gather any further information from the area team and accept/decline the request within 48 hours. If they decline to provide the rationale, e.g., capacity issues. |  |
| 4 | A meeting is convened with professionals to discuss the reunification plan of support within 5 working days of request to RSS team being accepted, considering  - Rationale and risks for why the child was in our care including why we sought a Care Order if child is subject to Care Order  - Key timescales for the child including school and placement notice  - Rationale for reunification including what current support systems are in place for the child/family  - What steps/support is needed for sustainable reunification  - Timescales for discharge of Care Order |  |
| 5 | A meeting is convened with the child and family to agree a SMART reunification plan – child and family fully contribute to this plan, how plan will be reviewed and ensuring all parties know the goals for success and how all will know this is achieved |  |
| 6 | If at any time the child subject to a Care Order returns home for extended periods of at the agreed reunification time, a Placement with Parents Agreement will need to be completed and agreed by the relevant Assistant Director |  |
| 6 | RSS start support plan with regular reviews/supervision with RSS Manager |  |

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| 7 | Social Worker continues to visit and undertake Looked After Children Child Care reviews and all other aspects of child’s care plan (PEP, RHA) |  |
| 8 | Reviews are convened regularly by the Social Worker with the support and attendance of RSS worker. The RSS plan of work and progressed is reviewed at this meeting and any changes to the plan as suggested by the Social Worker, RSS worker, Child or family are agreed. |  |
| 9 | On completion of RSS support and completion of reunification plan, the RSS service withdraws, following recommendation of further support (if needed) via other services (CIN, Targeted Help, Early Help). |  |
| 10 | If full reunification is recommended, then a PWP agreement is completed and discharge/revocation of orders sought |  |

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