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| COUNCIL RGB |  | In the Family Court sitting at  Worcester case no. |
|  | In the matter of the Children Act 1989 |

**Section 37 (Children Act 1989) Report**

**Name of Applicant**

and

**Name of 1st Respondent**

**The Child(ren)**

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| Names | Gender | Date of Birth | Child’s current placement status | Child’s current  legal status |
|  |  |  |  | None |

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| **Local Authority and Social Worker details** | |
| Case number |  |
| Filed by | Herefordshire |
| The report writer’s name, qualifications, experience, and office address | I, employed by Herefordshire County Council Children’s Services based in the Child Protection and Court Team at Herefordshire Children’s Services, Plough Lane, Hereford, HR4 0LE.  I qualified as a social worker, I have been in my role since |
| The report writer’s HCPC registration number |  |
| Dated |  |

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| 1. **Case details** |
| 1.1 Family Composition |

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| Name | Relationship | Parental Responsibility | DOB | Nationality | Ethnicity |
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| **2. Enquiries** |
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| 1. In order to prepare this report I have made the following enquiries:-    * 1. . |

* 1. Statutory Checks

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| 3. **Key Issues** |
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| 4. **Current Arrangements for the Children** |
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| **5. Relevant Background Information, including information from Social Services records** |
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| **6. Applicant** |
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| 7. **Respondent** |
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| **8. Analysis of the Child(ren)’s Needs against the Welfare Checklist** |
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| * 1. **(a) The ascertainable wishes and feelings of the child concerned (considered in light of their age and understanding).**   **8.2 (b) physical, emotional and educational needs**   1. .   **8.3 (c) The likely effect of any change in her circumstances**   * 1. **Age, sex, background and any characteristic of which the court consider relevant**      1. .   2. **Any harm which has suffered or is at risk of suffering**   3. **How capable each are the parents of meeting child(s) needs**   4. **The range of powers available to the court under this Act in the proceedings in question**      1. This is covered in section 12. |

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| **9. Analysis of Harm** |
| The social work analysis of the harm the child (or each child) has suffered and/or the/any risk of harm the child continues to face |
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| **10. Analysis of Parenting Capability** |
| Analysis of each parent’s capability to meet each child’s needs, including analysis of any capability gap. Include unrelated members of the household/s where relevant. |
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| **11. Analysis of Wider Family and Friends Capability** |
| 11.1 Analysis of wider family and friends capability to meet each child’s needs, including analysis of any capability gap |
| * + 1. There are no other persons assessed during these Private Law Proceedings. |

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| **12. The Court’s Powers under the Act under the proceedings in question** |
| 1. No Order Principle, Section 1(5) of the Children Act 1989 provides that ‘where a court is considering whether or not to make one or more orders under this act in respect of the child under this Act, it shall not make the order or any of the orders unless it considers that doing so would be better for the children than making no order at all’. |

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| **13. Reasoned Assessment** |
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| **14. Recommendations** |
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| 15. **Signature** |  | |
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| Print full name |  | |
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| Role/position held | Senior Practitioner | |
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|  | The facts in this Section 37 Report are true to the best of my knowledge and belief and the opinions set out are my own. | |
| Signed |  | |
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| Date |  |  |