**Social Work Statement**

**CHILDREN ACT 1989 Case No: [INSERT TEXT HERE]**

**Maker: [INSERT TEXT HERE]**

**Statement No: [INSERT TEXT HERE]**

**Date: [INSERT TEXT HERE]**

**CHILDREN'S NAMES: [INSERT TEXT HERE] DOB: [INSERT TEXT HERE]**

**INITIAL STATEMENT OF EVIDENCE**

**FILED ON BEHALF OF**

**HEREFORDSHIRE COUNCIL**

This statement has been prepared for the court and should be treated as confidential. It must not be shown nor its contents revealed to any person other than a party or a legal advisor to such a party. Such legal advisor may make use of the statement in connection with an application for legal aid.

**STATEMENT MADE BY [INSERT TEXT HERE]**

**JOB TITLE [INSERT TEXT HERE]**

**OFFICE ADDRESS [INSERT TEXT HERE]**

**QUALIFICATIONS [INSERT TEXT HERE]**

I believe that the facts stated in this statement are true.

Signed

Dated

**1. INTRODUCTION**

1.1 (Indicate when you directly became involved with the child/family and nature of your involvement).

1.2 I am able to make this statement from facts within my own knowledge and from information made available to me during the course of my involvement.

1.3 The local authority is seeking an order to discharge the care order made by the [name of court] in respect of [name of child] on [date order made].

1.4 (If any other order is sought in it’s place state which order(s) you are recommending.)

1.5 \*Delete if not applicable This statement should be read in conjunction with the Special Guardianship Report [give date of report and author].

**2. FAMILY STRUCTURE**

2.1 (Include names, dob’s and addresses of the subject, parents, siblings and relevant others e.g. other people residing in the same household, extended family members, partners and anyone else who is significant to the child/family).

**3. CONCERNS WHCH LED TO THE CARE PROCEEDINGS**

3.1 (Brief summary of the main concerns only)

**4. CARE PLAN**

4.1 (Briefly summarise the final care plan approved at the conclusion of the care proceedings. Limit this to the arrangements for placement, contact, contingency plan and if relevant any additional support provided. Detail any changes to this since the care proceedings concluded and what the current arrangements for this child are in terms of placement and contact).

**5. REASONS FOR THE APPLICATION**

5.1 (Briefly summarise what has prompted this application including the progress/resolution of any issues that were present at the time the care proceedings concluded)

**6. RELEVANT INFORMATION ARISING FROM SAFEGUARDING CHECKS**

6.1 (\*Safeguarding checks should always be undertaken once the decision has been made to make this application. Give date these were last done including the names of the individuals checked. Only summarise any relevant information obtained).

**7. UP TO DATE INFORMATION FROM OTHER RELEVANT SERVICES INVOLVED WITH THE CHILD AND FAMILY INCLUDING SCHOOL, NURSERY, HEALTH, EDUCATION, CAMHS, YOT, DRUG SERVICES, MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES ETC**

7.1 (Give period and purpose of involvement, engagement with the service and any treatment plan etc. With regard to education confirm the date and outcome of the last PEP meeting. Provide basic information on attendance, lateness, presentation and academic progress. Confirm whether the child has a statement of special educational needs. Provide details of any additional support being provided to the child and whether this will continue to be provided if the care order is discharged.)

**8. CONSIDERATION OF THE WELFARE CHECKLIST FACTORS**

8.1 Section 1(3)(a):- The ascertainable wishes and feelings of the child concerned (considered in the light of his/her age and understanding).

8.2 Section 1(3)(b):- His/her physical, emotional and educational needs.

8.3 Section 1(3)(c):- The likely effect on him/her of any change in his/her circumstances.

8.4 Section 1(3)(d):- His/her age, sex, background and any characteristics of his/her which the Court considers relevant.

8.5 Section 1(3)(e):- Any harm which he/she has suffered or is at risk of suffering.

8.6 Section 1(3)(f): How capable each of his/her parents, and any other person in relation to whom the Court considers the question to be relevant, is of meeting his/her needs.

1(3)(g):- The range of powers available to the Court under this Act in the proceedings in question.

(go through the menu of orders available to the Court e.g. no order, retention of Care Order, Supervision Order, Child Arrangements Order, Special Guardianship Order etc)

**9. ANY OUTSTANDING CONCERNS / ISSUES**

9.1 (These may include issues with contact, health, education, request for change of name, locating a parent, etc)

**10. DETAILS OF ARRANGEMENTS FOR ANY CONTINUING POST DISCHARGE SUPPORT INCLUDING FINANCES AND CONTACT**

10.1 (Include support from any other agency).

**11. ANY OTHER ORDERS SOUGHT OR RECOMMENDED**

11.1 (Consider whether any other order is necessary such as a Supervision Order, Special Guardianship Order, Child Arrangements Order and give reasons why).

**12. VIEWS OF THE IRO, PARENTS AND SIGNIFICANT OTHERS**

12.1 (Give date these were last ascertained. Indicate whether or not they are in agreement with this application including the making of any other proposed order(s) in place of the care order and the proposed arrangements for placement and contact. If they are not in agreement say why.)