FINAL CARE PLAN IN CARE PROCEEDINGS

**Delete all guidance (in red) before filing.**

**FULL NAME OF CHILD:** Insert here – each child needs their own plan

**DATE OF BIRTH:**

**COURT CASE NUMBER:** You’ll find it on any order

**NAME OF COURT HEARING APPLICATION:** Birmingham

**TYPE OF HEARING:** Issues Resolution Hearing / Final Hearing – delete one

**NAME OF LOCAL AUTHORITY:** Birmingham City Council, acting by its agent Birmingham Children’s Trust

**NUMBER OF PLAN:**

**DATE OF PLAN:**

**NAME OF IRO:**

*This Care Plan is produced in accordance with national guidelines and the Children Act 1989 re-issued for implementation in March 2013. This Care Plan should be given to others in accordance with R6 of the Care Planning, Placement and Case Review Regulations 2010*

**SECTION 1 – OVERALL PLAN FOR PERMANENCE:**

*1.1.a* ***The primary plan and overall timescale.*** *Set out below what your primary plan is, when it was agreed, and who by. For example, if it’s a plan of long-term fostering, when was it agreed by the IRO and ADM? Do not explain why you’ve chosen this plan here – that information will be in your statement. Just say what the plan is. If there have been delays to the court proceedings, set out why here (avoid saying anything about whose fault you think this might be).*

*1.1.b* ***Contingency Plan, if placement breaks down or in the event that the Care Plan is not achievable.*** *Set out briefly what the plan would be if the court does not grant you your preferred order or if it chooses an alternative realistic permanence option (as identified in your final statement). Briefly set out what support would be put in place/what would be done, what family time would look like and how it would be managed, and how any specific/special needs for this child would be met. If this would involve a change of placement (for example of the Court decides that return to parents is appropriate) it is important to set out a clearly thought through and timebound transition plan.*

**SECTION 2 – CHILD’S NEEDS:**

* 1. ***The child’s identified needs, including needs arising from race, culture, religion or language, special education, health or disability.*** *Set out below what this child needs. This may be a long-term, stable home to live in and for universal services to be appropriately accessed or it may include specific needs due to a disability or health need.*
  2. ***Summary of how these needs might be met.*** *Reflect on any additional/special needs you identified in 2.1. How can those needs be met in your suggested placement? Arrangements for meeting general health/education needs are set out in section 4 so you do not need to discuss them here (but it will be helpful mention that you will discuss them there).*
  3. ***The extent to which the wishes and views of the child have been obtained and acted upon.*** *Set out below when and how you got the wishes and views of the child and what the child has said or inidicated. Comment on how far your care plan matches what the child has said they want.*
  4. ***The reasons for supporting this or explanations of why wishes/views have not been given absolute precedence.*** *Below, comment on why your plan either matches or doesn’t match the child’s needs*
  5. ***Arrangements for, and purpose of, contact/family time in meeting the child’s needs (specifying contact relationships, e.g. parent, step-parent or other family member, former carer, friend, siblings, including those looked after who may have a separate placement); any proposals to restrict or terminate contact.*** *Set out here who you are proposing the child sees in family time, how often and for how long, and why you are proposing that. Research in Practice’s short guide, “*[*Contact: Making good decisions for children in public law*](https://contact.rip.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/RIP_Frontline_Tool_ContactMakingGoodDecisions_web.pdf)*” will help you make good and defensible recommendations.*

# SECTION 3 – VIEWS OF OTHERS:

* 1. ***The extent to which the wishes and views of the child’s parents and anyone else with a sufficient interest in a child (including representatives of other agencies, current and former carers) have been obtained and acted upon.*** *Include the views of the IRO here (if not already covered above).*
  2. ***The reasons for supporting them or explanations of why wishes/views have not been given absolute precedence.***

# SECTION 4 – PLACEMENT DETAILS AND TIMETABLE:

* 1. ***Proposed placement – type and details (or details of alternative placement).*** *Set out exactly what the placement you are proposing is. You may have identified an exact placement, or it may be you are proposing the child remains in their short-term foster placement while you search for an adoptive placement, for example.*
  2. ***Time that is likely to elapse before proposed placement is made.***
  3. ***Likely duration of placement (or other placement).***
  4. ***Arrangements for health care (including consent to examination and treatment).*** *Mention here how the child’s medical needs will be met and by whom. Include they will have regular Child in Care medicals and that the team manager (if the final care plan gives BCT PR) will consent to medical care, or the carer in circumstances where authority has been delegated to them.*
  5. ***Arrangements for education (including any pre-school day-care activity).*** *Mention here how the child’s health needs will be met and by whom. Include they will have PEP meetings.*
  6. ***Arrangements for reunification (often known as rehabilitation) see also 4.9.*** *If the child is going back home, you need a detailed and transition plan which includes clear timescales as a separate document. If this is the case, summarise that document here and file it as a separate document. Be clear what other services are being provided to the child and parents/other family members. If the child is not going home, just put, “not applicable”.*
  7. ***Details of proposed support services in placement for carers.*** *Mention any specific services the carers are going to receive. Mention the carer will receive regular supervision and support from their own social worker.*
  8. ***Specific details of parents’ role in day-to-day arrangements.*** *Set out how far parents will be involved in making day-to-day decisions. Set out they will be invited to CIC reviews.*

# SECTION 5 – MANAGEMENT AND SUPPORT BY LOCAL AUTHORITY:

* 1. ***Who is responsible for implementing the overall plan.***

The allocated Social Worker will continue to provide support to the child, and the birth family, and will implement all aspects of the care plan, overseen by their Team Manager who will take responsibility for the plan being progressed.

* 1. ***Further Assessment Plans, if any.*** *If there are none, just say so.*
  2. ***Dates of Review.*** *Set out when the next CIC review is here. If there are any other reviews of the proposed arrangements, set those dates out here too.*
  3. ***Arrangements for notifying the responsible authority of disagreements about the implementation of the Care Plan or making representations of complaints.***

Disagreements should be raised in the first instance with the allocated social worker. If the issue has not been resolved, it should be escalated to the social worker’s team manager. If the issue remains unresolved, professionals can make use of the escalation process via their senior managers and parents/family members can make use of the BCT complaints procedure, accessible from the BCT website or by calling 0121 303 1888.

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**Endorsed by Team Manager:**

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