**Case No:**

**IN THE FAMILY COURT SITTING AT**

**Re: DOB:**

**SECTION 31 CHILDREN ACT 1989**

**BETWEEN:**

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| **NAME OF COUNCIL** | **Applicant** |
| **And**  **Mother’s Name** | **1st Respondent** |
| **And**  **Father’s Name** | **2nd Respondent** |
| **And**  **Child/ren’s Name(s)**  **Acting by his/her /their Children’s Guardian** | **3rd Respondent** |

**INITIAL/ FINAL CARE PLAN**

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| **Full name of child:** |  |
| **Date of Birth:** |  |
| **Number of Plan:** |  |
| **Date of Plan:** |  |
| **Date of Hearing:** |  |

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**PARTY TO THE PROCEEDINGS WITHOUT LEGAL ADVICE**

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| **THE PLACEMENT PLAN** | |
| **1. The Placement Plan & any Order needed** | *Set out what Order/s you want, current placement, proposed placement, siblings, who shares PR;* |
| **2. Support for the child, family and carers** | Either:  If an Interim Care Order is made, CHILD will become a Child Looked After.  The social worker will monitor CHILD’s placement through statutory Child Looked After visits and reviews in accordance with the Child Looked After procedures.  CHILD will be seen within the first five days of placement and then once a week for the first four weeks and then every week whilst CHILD remains in the care of the Local Authority.  CHILD’s social worker will undertake life story tasks including collecting photographs, memories, and information for CHILD’s Life Journey book of information and memories of his/her time being Looked After.  CHILD will be appointed an Independent Reviewing Officer to advocate for them as a Child Looked After.  The social worker is available to CHILD’s parent(s) for support advice and guidance.  CHILD’s carers are supported by a Supervising Social Worker from the Family Placement Team.  Or if you are not seeking any Order:  CHILD is subject to a Child Protection Plan/Child in Need Plan and is visited in accordance with required timescales of at least once every ten working days/at least once every three weeks. Core group/CIN review meetings are held every 4-6 weeks/8-12 weeks.  The social worker is available to CHILD’s parent(s) for support advice and guidance. |
| **3. The contingency plan if the child’s plan breaks down** | If the foster placement breaks down, a disruption meeting will be held. An alternative placement will be sought, if this placement is assessed as not keeping CHILD safe and/or not meeting his/her needs.  If there is an immediate breakdown of the placement, the Local Authority will notify all parties as soon as possible within two working days of the placement ending.  Any decision made about changing the placement will be done according to regulation 14. Any decision to terminate the placement will only be made following a CLA review; if this is not possible, written notification will be given to all parties including the Independent Reviewing officer.  If there is an immediate risk of significant harm to CHILD the placement will be terminated immediately, and the Local Authority will notify all parties within ten working days of the placement coming to an end. Should, at any point, the placement be deemed not viable in keeping CHILD safe and/or meeting his/her needs, an alternative placement will be sought*.* |
| **4. Future Contact (including any transitional plan)**   * **With the child’s brothers and sisters** | *Please state what the proposal is for future family time/contact between the child and their sibling (s); duration, venue, frequency.*  *If a child does not want family time/contact with a sibling and it is in their best interest, what efforts will be made to promote sibling contact. This can be direct or indirect.* |
| * **With Mother** | *What is the proposal for future family time/contact between the child and their mother; venue, frequency, duration? Will this be reviewed and how often?*  *If a mother is in prison; please do not dismiss her and say there will be no family time/contact. This can be direct or indirect, it will depend on the age of the child, existing relationship, risk assessment etc.*  *If there are orders/bail conditions in place preventing family time/ contact; please state what they are.* |
| * **With Father** | *What is the proposal for future family time/contact between the child and their father; venue, frequency, duration? Will this be reviewed and how often?*  *In the event, that the identity of the father is unknown, what efforts will be made to locate him within these proceedings?*  *If a father is in prison; please do not dismiss him and say there will be no family time/contact. This can be direct or indirect, it will depend on the age of the child, existing relationship, risk assessment etc.*  *If there are orders/bail conditions in place preventing family time/contact; please state what they are.* |
| * **Important people for the child** | *Please state what family time/contact is proposed between any significant people in the child’s life including any maternal or paternal family members.* |
| **5. Health plan**  **(including any therapy)** | *Please state what is being proposed and if the child is moving to another placement, who will be responsible for ensuring the child’s day to day health needs will be met. Will they need to be registered at another GP, dentist and optician.*  *Please state any future health appointments/assessments (including CLA and EHCP assessments) and who will be involved in these appointments.*  *Does the child have any additional needs; are they being assessed for an EHCP; please state what progress has been made.*  *Please remember to consider parents being notified/invited to all medical appointments/assessments. If this is not possible or appropriate, please state if they will receive updates and relevant paperwork.*  *Where the care plan is for an older child/teenager please remember:*  *Mental health*  *Substance misuse*  *Self-harm*  *CAMHS; existing/past work and any referrals that are in process* |
| **6. Education plan** | *Does the child have any special educational needs; an EHCP? Is one in progress and if so, how long before one will be in place. Existing arrangements for any additional educational provision for the child and support in place to promote the child’s educational achievements.*  *If the child is Looked After when will the next Personal Educational Plan meeting take place; who will attend this? If it is not appropriate for parents to be invited; will they receive copies of the minutes and be involved in any decision making for the child? If not, please state why not.*  *Is transport to school/nursery required; who will do this, any issues with funding?*  *Any proposals for assessments, including Educational Psychologist and timescales?*  *Are there proposals for after school activities/ school trips and who will fund these?*  *Is additional support required for the child in school and proposal? If attendance has been an issue; have targets been set? How is the child going to be supported to attend school regularly and on time.* |
| **7. Any support for the child’s identity and social and emotional wellbeing** | *The child’s religious persuasion, racial origin and cultural and linguistic background.*  *Does the child have any emotional needs and if so, what support are they receiving?*  *Does the child have friendship groups, if they struggle, please say why? How do they relate to their peers/adults?*  *Is the child particularly mature or immature for their age, are there any concerns about the child placing themselves at risk re: CSE/substance misuse, self-harm, poor mental health etc?*  *Is the child accessing ELSA at school?* |
| **8. Human Rights Implications** | The Local Authority has considered the Convention Rights of the child and the parents including the right to be protected from ill-treatment (Article 3); the right to be fully consulted (Article 6) and to the respect for private and family life (Article 8). The Local Authority believes that this proposed Care Plan are necessary and proportionate. |
| **9. Complaints/Disagreements** | Disagreements can be addressed by the allocated social worker in the first instance and with the support of the Team Manager if required. In the event an agreement is still not being reached, complaints can be made through Reading Borough Council’s complaints procedure. |

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| **VIEWS OF FAMILY & PROFESSIONALS** | |
| **The child** |  |
| **The parents** |  |
| **Significant Others** |  |
| **The Guardian** |  |
| **The IRO** |  |

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| **Social Worker** | |
| **Signed:**  **Social Worker** | **Dated:** |
| **Social Worker’s manager** | |
| **Signed:**  **Team Manager** | **Dated:** |
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