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| Statement given by (name of witness)XXXX |
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| Date statement was madeXXXX |

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 12.17 **Witness statement**

Case no.

XXXX

Full name of person to whom the application relates

(this is the person who lacks, or is alleged to lack capacity)

(CHILD NAME)

**Please read first**

* If you are filing written evidence with the

court then it should be included in or attached to this form.

* If the court requires that evidence be given by affidavit then you need to use the COP25 affidavit form.
* You must initial any alterations to the witness statement.
* A document referred to in a witness statement and provided to the court is known as an exhibit.

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* Practice Direction A accompanying Part 14 of the Court of Protection Rules 2017 sets out more detailed requirements in relation to witness statements.
* Please continue on a separate sheet of paper if you need more space to provide your witness statement. Please mark each separate sheet with all of the information provided in the box in the top-right corner of this page.
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**Witness statement**

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I,

 **1** Enter your full name

 **1** XXXX

 **2** Enter your occupation

or description

 **2** (Social Worker, Senior Social Worker, Team Manager, etc)

of

 **3** (Your office address)

 **3** Enter your full address including postcode or, if making the statement in your professional, business or other occupational capacity, the position you hold, the name of your firm or employer and the address at which you work

am a party to the proceedings

am employed by a party to the proceedings

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and state that:

 **4** Set out in numbered paragraphs indicating:

* which of the statements are from your own knowledge and which are matters of information or belief, and
* the source for any matters of information or belief.

Where you refer to an exhibit, you should state the identifier you have used. For example, ‘I refer to the (description of document) marked Exhibit A...’

**Statement of truth**

The statement of truth is to be signed by the witness.

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

**Signed**

**Name**

**Date**

**Please return the completed witness statement to the Court of Protection**

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