**Request for Pre-Legal Gateway Discussion**

**LCS No:**

**Name of Family:**

**Who has P.R. for each child:**

**Adults name DOB:**

**Children’s names DOB:**

**Previous involvement/History of social care intervention:**

**Consider who needs to be part of this discussion e.g. specialist workers**

**Service Manager consultation**

**These questions will be used by Service Managers to review all recommendations to proceed to ICPC, Team Managers will use them to assist evaluation of decision to progress to strategy discussion and whether to initiate s47 enquiries. Early Help could use them to demonstrate that a family needs a Safeguarding assessment.**

1. What is currently going well? Where have there been new signs of care and improvement in parenting? Describe the specific steps of progress that have been taken in response to requirements on the child protection plan.
2. What significant harm has the child(ren) suffered and is likely to continue to suffer; or what significant impairment has the child(ren) suffered and is likely to continue to suffer to their health and development? Describe the harm/impairment and consider persistency and severity, not only the significant harm/impairment already experienced.
   1. Is the harm attributable to parents/main carer(s)?

**Service Manager consultation**

**These questions will be used by Service Managers to review all recommendations for escalation to Legal Gateway Meeting**

1. Where are the parents on the cycle of change? What progress has been made in raising awareness and thinking about parenting behaviours?
2. What are the strengths of the family, and what actions have they taken to improve the situation?
3. What are the parents’/families’ views of this situation and why the plan may not be working?
4. What is the child/ren’s perception/voice of the child?
5. What is the evidence of continuing risk of significant harm? (consider persistency and severity, not only the significant harm/harm already suffered; consider whether (s.17) ‘significant impairment of health or development’ applies)
6. Which children in the family are at continuing risk of significant harm? (do individual children need different plans?)
7. What motivational approaches have been utilised or attempted previously by Children’s Services?
8. Date Family Group Conference/Family Network Meeting held and outcome: What protective factors are in place, or could be utilised within the family including extended family to support what the child needs to keep them safe? Have absent fathers been included? If FGC/FNM have not taken place, why not? Plan date for FGC/FNW to take place.
9. Has a Parenting Assessment/Intervention programme been started/completed? If not why, not? Plan date for Parenting Assessment/Intervention programme to start.
10. What other interventions could be effective at reducing risk of continuing significant harm? Are there any specialist workers involved? What’s their assessment and what interventions are they undertaking?
11. What are the barriers to making the CP or CIN plan be effective? How long have they been subject on the plan? Have they had previous plans? How many?
12. If this plan is not effective, or the situation for the children did not change, would Children’s Services consider proceedings and why?
13. What is the impact on the child/ren?
14. What are the views of the partner agencies?
15. If escalating what order would you be seeking and how would this benefit the child and family, what would it add to what you are already doing? Have there been previous proceedings in respect of the family? Have the papers been reviewed?
16. What are you (Social Worker and Team Manager) recommending?

***\*Voice of the child will include not only the child’s expressed views, but observations of attachment, emotional, psychological and behavioural responses including very young children and those with different communication needs.***

**Actions agreed by Service Manager**