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Dear *(parent and/or full name(s) of all people with parental responsibility)*

**Re: Northumberland County Council Concerns About *(insert name(s) of child)***

As you are aware Northumberland County Council is extremely worried about the arrival of your baby and your ability to care and safeguard them when they are born. We have been working with you to try and improve things for your unborn baby when they arrive however things have not improved sufficiently. The Local Authority feels that the situation for your unborn baby has become so serious that we cannot recommend baby be placed in your care on birth.

We have tried to work with you to help you improve your care of your baby when they arrive but unfortunately things have not changed. We are writing to tell you again that we will be going to court to try and make sure your baby is safe following birth and discharge from hospital. Following the birth of baby, you will receive a copy of our application to the court and other important documents, which set out the key issues.

We would urge you, if you have not done so already, to get advice from a solicitor. We have sent with this letter a list of local solicitors who specialise in work with children and families. They are not part of Children’s Services (Social Services).

Yours sincerely

Team Manager

Local office/service

cc Social Worker (name)

 Local Authority in house Legal Team

Enc List of Law Society Children Panel Solicitors