

VOLUNTARY AGREEMENT BETWEEN [LOCAL AUTHORITY] AND [PERSONS WITH PARENTAL RESPONSIBILITY] FOR THE ACCOMMODATION UNDER SECTION 20 OF THE CHILDREN ACT 1989 / SECTION 76 OF THE SOCIAL SERVICES AND WELL-BEING (WALES) ACT 2014 OF [CHILDREN]

THE RELEVANT PERSONS

Names of the Child / ren	
Christian Name	Surname

The persons with parental responsibility		
Christian Name	Surname	Relationship to child

The local authority Name

Date:	
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THE AGREEMENT

Agreement

- This is an agreement between [local authority] and [persons with parental responsibility]
- The agreement is that [children] will be placed in [say, foster care] by [local authority]
- In legal terms, that placement is happening under [sub-section ... of section 20 of the 1989 Act/s 76 of the Social Service and Well-being (Wales) Act 2014]

The placement and the children’s wishes

- The purpose of that placement is [purpose]. The current plan is that [current plan for children’s return home] and that the [children] will remain accommodated by the local authority for a period of [X weeks / months]
- It [has / has not] been possible to find out the [children’s] wishes and feelings. [The children’s] wishes and feelings are [wishes and feelings]

Agreement of the persons with parental responsibility and right to remove

- [The persons with parental responsibility] do not at the moment object to [the children] being placed in [say, foster care]
- [The persons with parental responsibility] may at any time remove [the children] from the [say, foster care]
- [The persons with parental responsibility] [has / has not] had legal advice and has the right to continue to seek independent legal advice

Reviews

- [This is / this is not] an agreement for the accommodation of a new-born baby or child under six months. / It is an agreement for the accommodation of a newborn baby or child under six months, and the exceptional circumstances requiring the use of s 20 / s 76 are [exceptional circumstances]
- [The local authority] intends to review this placement every [X weeks] and the persons with parental responsibility will, after each review, be updated by the local authority on its plan moving forward
- Additional reviews may be requested in response to any changes

SIGNATURES

The persons with parental responsibility]	<u>Name</u>	<u>Date</u>

Signature	
Local Authority Signature	

Where required to be translated into a foreign language:

- This document has been written in English and translated into [foreign language]. [Persons with parental responsibility] have read it in [foreign language].
 - Signed and dated in [foreign language]: [*I have read this document and agree to its terms*"].
 - Signed and dated by [named interpreter].

Where an advocate or intermediary has assisted

- [Person with parental responsibility] has been assisted by [name; advocate / intermediary].
- I [advocate / intermediary] confirm that I have read this document with and explained it to [person with parental responsibility] and I am satisfied that the [person with parental responsibility] understands its contents.
- [Signed and dated by advocate / intermediary].....

Check list for local authorities

- ✓ Have you taken every person with parental responsibility carefully through this agreement?
- ✓ If the persons with parental responsibility are not native English speakers, has the agreement been translated into their native language?
- ✓ Are you satisfied that the persons with parental responsibility have capacity to consent?
- ✓ Are you satisfied that the persons with parental responsibility have consented?
- ✓ Have the relevant persons with parental responsibility signed a consent form for medical treatment/examination or disclosure of the child's medical records

Please ensure all highlighted (Yellow) sections have been completed and highlight removed.