

Child / Young Person's Care Plan



The Warwickshire approach to care planning

We want to ensure that children have a secure, stable and loving family to support them through childhood and beyond, and in particular that:

- We should look after only those children that we need to and achieve permanency as quickly as possible
- We want to build community based alternatives to looking after a child and our capacity for early intervention that helps more children
- Our first concern is to improve the outcomes for children and make sure that they stay safe

Three stages of being looked after are particularly important:

- The decision to divert or look after a child;
- The initial actions to achieve permanency; and
- The transition into permanency, including where this is back into the family home.

What happens at each of these stages will have a profound impact upon the life of the child. Our actions must focus on achieving positive outcomes for looked after children and young people - with any episode in care, from beginning to end, having clear objectives and a clear plan by which they will be implemented, that have been shared and understood by all parties.

The care plan should help us achieve that. Its purpose is to communicate briefly but clearly what is planned for this child and why. The outcomes must be clear and with appropriate actions related to each outcome. It should be written in plain English and understood by all the stakeholders, including the family.

Looking after a child or young person is not just the task of social care, it is as much a multi-agency responsibility as any other area of safeguarding a child's well being, safety and development. Each person should encourage this approach in their colleagues. The care plan is a working document. It should be developed jointly with the family and with other agencies and agreed at the Review. It should not be a long document. It should be appropriate to its purpose, and a care plan written just after an emergency placement will be a much shorter document than the care plan for the same child at the second review. It does not need to repeat details that are contained elsewhere (for example in the Single Assessment, the chronology or the placement plan). Having to complete it succinctly will help to clarify thinking about the child and their future. It will change as the case develops and should be updated, at least for every review. Make sure the aims and outcomes remain relevant; and that the actions still likely to achieve the outcomes.

Child / young person's details

This Care Plan sets out the long term plans for how you will be Looked After. You will also have some other plans which will cover areas such as school, health and home life.

This plan aims to help you understand what decisions have been made and why, and will record your wishes and feelings about the plan.

This plan will be reviewed regularly.

Child / young person's details

ID	Name	Date of birth
<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
Gender	<input type="checkbox"/> Child / young person has a disability	Ethnicity
<input type="text"/>		<input type="text"/>
Religion		
<input type="text"/>		

Communication needs (including language)

Current legal status

Any information regarding legal status / immigration status

Date this care episode began or is planned to start

Date of this plan

Is a PEP required for the child / young person?☐ Yes☐ No

Name of IRO

Contact number for IRO

The Care Plan

Reason for child / young person being looked after?

Identity, including religious persuasions, racial origin, cultural and linguistic background

Health including physical, emotional and mental health

Emotional and behavioural development

Education and training

Contact arrangements (including how these will help maintain the child's role within the family)

Retaining a place within the family home

What attempts have been made to arrange for the child / young person to live with a relative or a close family friend as an alternative to care or accommodation if the child / young person is not already in a family or friends placement?

What is the Care Plan for this child / young person

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Remain with birth family supported by shared care / short term breaks | <input type="checkbox"/> Return to birth family within one month |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Return to birth family within six months | <input type="checkbox"/> Eventual return to birth family |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Long term placement with relatives / friends | <input type="checkbox"/> Long term placement with foster carer (intended to last until 18, no return home envisaged) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Residential placement until independence | <input type="checkbox"/> Supported living in community (with view to independence) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Adoption | <input type="checkbox"/> Other |

If other, please state

Are legal orders being sought to support this plan?

- | | |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Child Arrangement Order | <input type="checkbox"/> Supervision Order |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Special Guardianship Order | <input type="checkbox"/> Care Order |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Revocation of Care Order | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Placement Order | <input type="checkbox"/> Adoption Order |
| <input type="checkbox"/> No orders being sought | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other | |

If other, please state

Are there plans to revoke any order already in place?

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| <input type="radio"/> Yes | <input type="radio"/> No |
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Is the child/young person subject to a Child Protection Plan?

- | | |
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| <input type="radio"/> Yes | <input type="radio"/> No |
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Is this a Placement with Parents arrangement?

- | | |
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| <input type="radio"/> Yes | <input type="radio"/> No |
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Is this an Eligible Child under the Children (Leaving Care) Act 2000?

- | | |
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| <input type="radio"/> Yes | <input type="radio"/> No |
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What outcomes are required?

The placement

Type of placement required to achieve the Plan for the child

What is the likely duration of the placement?

What are the risks to this care plan and what is the contingency plan if the placement breaks down or in the case of an accommodated child / young person, parents want the child/young person to return home?

Views and contributions

Child/young person's view

Has the care plan been explained

☐ Yes

☐ No

Do they understand the plan?

☐ Yes

☐ No

What concerns do they have, and is there anything they wanted that is not reflected in the care plan or the placement arrangements?

Parent's or others with Parental Responsibility view

Has the care plan been explained?

☐ Yes

☐ No

Do they fully understand their responsibilities

☐ Yes

☐ No

What concerns do they have, and is there anything they wanted that is not reflected in the care plan or the placement arrangements?

Child / young person's view

Parent's or others with Parental Responsibility view

Carer's view

Views of significant others

In the event of any interested party having a complaint or representation they wish to raise regarding the implementation of the Care Plan, they can do so direct to the social worker or to their Manager. If matters are not resolved through this process, the Local Authority has a formal

complaint procedure, which is open to all parties. Parties in legal proceedings (where applicable) can make any disagreements known through their legal representation.

What are the specific arrangements for the continued sharing of information and/or participation of the birth family (e.g. attendance, information sharing, etc.), the child/young person and others in decisions made about the child / young person's life?

Other related documents/latest completed documents

Chronology

Assessment

Placement Plan

PEP

Health Plan (including SDQ)

Notification of arrangements

What are the arrangements for notifying the responsible Local Authority with Children's Services responsibility of any disagreement about the implementation of the care plan or making representations or complaints?

Please confirm that copies of the plan or notification of arrangements have been sent to all representatives of other agencies who were consulted concerning these arrangements

☐ No

☐ Yes

Acknowledgement of completion

Saltisford Office Park Warwickshire County Council
Ansell Way
Warwick
CV34 4UL

Telephone

Date of next Looked After Child Review (if known)

Venue of Looked After Child Review

- ☐ Reminder: when children go from a Sibling Group in CP, they need to have separate LAC work flows, and the work should not progress within the sibling group for any LAC child. Tick to confirm this is done.

Signatures

Child signature

Parent signature