

**Local authority
social work initial evidence
template (SWIET) for use in
urgent hearings only - draft for
consultation, August 2020**

In the family court sitting at
In the matter of the Children Act 1989

Once finalised, it is hoped use of this document will be recommended by the President of the Family Division, the Association of Directors of Children's Services, Cafcass, HM Courts and Tribunals Service, the Department for Education, the Ministry of Justice and the Chair of the Family Justice Board, in compliance with the revised Public Law Outline (PLO) 2014.

Local Authority and Social Worker details	
Case number	[]
Filed by [local authority]	[]
This author/witness's name, qualifications and office address	[]
This author/witness's Social Work England registration number	[]
I have been the allocated social worker for [insert name(s)] since [date(s)]	

The facts in this application are true to the best of my knowledge and belief and the opinions set out are my own.

Signed

Date of completion

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1. Order being sought and a summary of the reasons why

State the order being sought from the courts and whether immediate removal is required, if so, detail the reasons why action is required now. Detail presenting features and state why the risks have moved from significant to immediate harm, the evidence of impact on the child(ren) or the likelihood of impact. Refer to the social work chronology in Appendix 1, as necessary. If the Public Law Outline (PLO) process has not been used state why not.

Reasons for an application for interim order(s)

2. Family composition

2.1. The child(ren) – use one per template per family

Names	Gender	Date of Birth	Child’s current placement status	Child’s current legal status
[]	[]	[]	[]	[]
[]	[]	[]	[]	[]
[]	[]	[]	[]	[]
[]	[]	[]	[]	[]
[]	[]	[]	[]	[]

2.2. The child(ren)’s family network composition

Name	Relationship to child(ren)	PR	Date of Birth	Nationality and Ethnicity	Address

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3. The impact of harm on the child (including an analysis of risk and protective factors and the welfare checklist)

- (a) The ascertainable wishes and feelings of the child/children concerned (considered in the light of his/her/their age and understanding);
- (b) His/her/their physical, emotional and educational needs;
- (c) The likely effect on him/her/them of any change in his/her/their circumstances;
- (d) His/her/their age, sex, background and any characteristics of his/hers/theirs which the court considers relevant;
- (e) Any harm which he/she/they has/have suffered or is/are at risk of suffering;
 - Analysis of Risk Factors
 - Analysis of Protective Factors
- (f) How capable each of his/her/their parents, and any other person in relation to whom the court considers the question to be relevant, is of meeting his/her/their needs;
 - Analysis of Parenting Capacity
- (g) The range of powers available to the court under this Act (Children Act 1989) in the proceedings in question.

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No Order	
Interim Supervision Order	
Interim Care Order	
Other Orders Sought	

4. Initial analysis of the evidence of wider family and friend’s capabilities to meet the needs of the child/ren

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5. Summary of work undertaken with the parents, children and the wider family

A brief narrative about the assessments and interventions carried out with the parents, child(ren) and wider family, the effectiveness of this activity and outcomes

6. Realistic placement option(s)

Include a brief analysis of the impact on the child of the preferred placement option and how parents and carers will be supported after the move.

The preferred and proposed placement option for [child] is [placement]

7. The range of views of other parties

7.1 Mother's views

7.2 Father's views

7.3 Views of wider family members

7.4 Views of the Independent Reviewing Officer (IRO) or Child Protection Chair, where time permits a short email or statement, should be included here.

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8. The contact plan

The contact plan should seek to involve siblings and others with whom the child has a significant relationship with. It must be kept under review as circumstances change.

Child	Who contact is with and their relationship to the child	Brief rationale for the level of contact proposed	Level of support/ supervision required	Frequency and duration

9. Statement of procedural fairness

Have the contents of this statement been communicated to mother, father, significant others, and the child in a way which can be clearly understood? If not, what has been tried?

Set out the appropriate level of the child's involvement in the court case, in the author's judgment, with reasons.

APPENDIX 1

The social work chronology

- List significant events **which can be evidenced** here.
- Focus on the last **three to six months** and make reference to any significant events in the last two years and beyond of relevance.

Date	Incident or sequence of incidents relevant to the child's welfare	Impact on the child/ren
[]	[]	[]
[]	[]	[]
[]	[]	[]
[]	[]	[]
[]	[]	[]
[]	[]	[]
[]	[]	[]
[]	[]	[]
[]	[]	[]

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APPENDIX 2

GENOGRAM

(NOTE: PC = to be assessed as potential carer)

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