**Social Work Consent Checklist:**

To help ensure the consent you are seeking is legally valid, please answer the following questions in discussion with the parent or carer you are seeking consent from. Be sure to complete a separate consent form for each person with parental responsibility you are seeking consent from.

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| **Have you verified the parent/carer signing this agreement has parental responsibility within the meaning of the Children Act 1989?** | **Yes** | **No** |
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| How was this done or resolved: | | |
| **Are you confident that the parent/carer has the mental capacity to give informed consent to this agreement?** | **Yes** | **No** |
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| How was this done or resolved: | | |
| **Are there any issues that may impact on a parents/carers ability to give informed consent? (ie: learning difficulty or language barrier) If so, how did you overcome these to help the parents/carers understand the consequences of giving their consent? (ie: use of translator or advocate)** | **Yes** | **No** |
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| How was this done or resolved: | | |
| **What is your assessment of the current physical and psychological state of the parent/carer? Are there any characteristics that might impair their ability to give informed consent?** | **Yes** | **No** |
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| How was this done or resolved: | | |
| **Have you explained to the parents/carers what it means by them giving this consent in a clear and transparent way that allows them to make an informed decision and know the consequences?** | **Yes** | **No** |
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| How was this done or resolved: | | |
| **Have you explained to the parents/carers the alternatives and consequences of not giving their consent?** | **Yes** | **No** |
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| How was this done or resolved: | | |
| **Is it necessary and proportionate for the safety and welfare of the child for you to be seeking this consent? Have you explored less intrusive ways of achieving a safer and better outcome for the child?** | **Yes** | **No** |
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| How was this done or resolved: | | |
| **Do the parents/carers have a solicitor or have they been advised of their right to seek legal advice before signing this consent?** | **Yes** | **No** |
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| How was this done or resolved: | | |
| **Are you confident that the consent is given willingly and not by fear of consequence, assumed by silence or not expressing an objection?** | **Yes** | **No** |
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| How was this done or resolved: | | |
| **Have all parents/carers who have parental responsibility for the child been sought for consent? If not, why?** | **Yes** | **No** |
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| How was this done or resolved: | | |

**I confirm that to the best of my knowledge and belief, the information contained in this document is correct.**

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Parent/Carer Name Relation to child Signature Date

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Worker/Manager Name Role Signature Date