Consideration of Secure Placement Panel Date:

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| Attendees (including relationship to child) |
| **Criteria for Secure**Section 25 of the Children Act 1989 sets out the 'welfare' criteria which must be met before a Looked After Child may be placed in secure accommodation. The 'welfare' criteria are that:* The child has a history of absconding and is likely to abscond from any other description of accommodation; and
* If the child absconds, (s)he is likely to suffer [Significant Harm](http://trixresources.proceduresonline.com/nat_key/keywords/significant_harm.html); or
* If the child is kept in any other description of accommodation (s)he is likely to injure her/himself or others.

N.B. Only one of these two criteria above need be established. The welfare principle (established in Section 1 the Children Act 1989), although it remains relevant, is not of paramount consideration under Section 25.**Please also refer to point 10 of the *Placements in Secure Accommodation on Welfare Grounds* policy in terms of - Use of Inherent Jurisdiction to Authorise a Placement Involving a Deprivation of Liberty When One or More of the Relevant Criteria Under Section 25 Children Act 1989 are Not Satisfied** |
| Details of the childName:DOB:Address:Ethnicity:School:Names of those with Parental responsibility:Carers: |
| A brief summary of the child’s history and our involvement. (chronology to be attached) |
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| What are your concerns for the child, why do you think the risk today means they require secure accommodation? |
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| What is the evidence that the criteria is met? |
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| What alternatives have been considered and tried? What was the outcome? |
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| What is the view of the child and others with parental responsibility? |
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| What is the aim for the proposed secure period and what is the plan for exit? |
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| What is your contingency plan should secure not be agreed or no bed available. How will work with the child proceed to manage and reduce the risk? Who else will support this?Nb: the use of secure accommodation should be for the minimum period necessary. |
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| Team manager/Service manager comments. |
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| Legal Advice to panel |
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| Panel will then retire to discuss and make a recommendation |
| Panel Recommendation and reasons for this. |
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| AD/DCS Comments and decision |
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