

## LAC REVIEW AND VISITING TIMESCALES

(IF IN DOUBT CONSULT CARE PLANNING REGULATION 2010)

TYPE OF REVIEW	REVIEW TIME SCALES	STATUTORY VISIT TIME SCALES
<u>NEW LAC</u>	1 <sup>ST</sup> REVIEW – WITHIN 20 WORKING DAYS 2 <sup>ND</sup> REVIEW - WITHIN 3 MONTHS (90 DAYS) 3 <sup>RD</sup> REVIEW AND AFTER – 6 MONTHLY (183 DAYS)	ON THE DAY THE CHILD IS PLACED, TO ASSIST IN THE PLACEMENT PROCESS. WITHIN ONE WEEK OF THE START OF ANY PLACEMENT THEN AT INTERVALS NO MORE THAN 6 WEEKS DURING THE FIRST YEAR OF THE PLACEMENT THEREAFTER, AT INTERVALS OF NOT MORE THAT 6 WEEKS (OR 3 MONTHS IF THE PLACEMENT IS INTENDED TO LAST UNTIL THE CHILD IS 18)
<u>PLACEMENT ORDER</u>	THESE CHILDREN MUST BE REVEIWD WITHIN 3 MONTHS OF THE PLACEMENT ORDER DATE. <i>THIS IS A STATUTORY REQUIREMENT.</i>	CONTINUE PATTERN AS ABOVE
<u>ADOPTION</u>	THE REVIEW CYCLE MUST START AGAIN FOR ALL THE CHIDREN WHEN PLACED IN THEIR ADOPTIVE PALCEMENTS IE. 20 WORKING DAYS, 3 MONTHS, 6 MONTHS. <i>THIS IS A STATUTORY REQUIREMENT.</i>	STATUTORY VISITS SHOULD BE WITHIN THE FIRST WEEK AND WEEKLY UNTIL THE FIRST LAC REVIEW. THEREAFTER FREQUENCY TO BE DETERMIEND AT THE REVIEW. IF NOT SPECIFIED THEN THE VISITING PATTERN WILL BE AT LEAST 6 WEEKLY FOR THE FIRST YEAR AND 3 MONTHLY AFTER THIS IF AGREED BY THE IRO AND AGENCY

<p><u>PLACEMENT MOVE – OTHER THAN ADOPTION AND PLACEMENT WITH PARENTS</u></p>	<p>GUIDANCE IS CLEAR THAT CHANGES SHOULD ALWAYS BE DISCUSSED WITH THE IRO.( SEE ATTACHED GUIDANCE)  <u>PLANNED MOVE</u> – THE REVIEW CYCLE DOES NOT RE-START FOR THESE CHILDREN HOWEVER AN EARLY REVIEW CAN BE CALLED AFTER A DISCUSSION WITH THE IRO.  <u>UNPLANNED MOVE</u> -- DEPENDENT ON THE CIRCUMSTANCES AN AGREEMENT WILL BE REACHED WITH THE IRO REGARDING THE NEXT AND CONSEQUENT REVIEWS. IE. 20 WORKING DAYS REVIEW MAY BE NECESSARY OR THE 6 MONTH REVIEW CAN BE BROUGHT FORWARD.</p>	<p>AS NEW LAC</p>
<p><u>CONNECTED PERSONS</u></p>	<p>THE REVIEW CYCLE MUST BE AGREED BUT IT WOULD BE PREFERABLE FOR THE FIRST ONE TO BE WITHIN 20 WORKING DAYS OF THE MOVE</p>	<p>STATUTORY VISITS SHOULD BE AT LEAST WEEKLY UNTIL THE FIRST REVIEW THEREAFTER AT INTERVALS NO MORE THAN 4 WEEKS.</p>
<p><u>PLACEMENT WITH PARENTS</u></p>	<p>THE REVIEW CYCLE MUST BE AGREED BUT IT WOULD BE PREFERABLE FOR THE FIRST ONE TO BE WITHIN 20 WORKING DAYS OF THE MOVE.</p>	<p>STATUTORY VIISITS SHOULD BE WITHIN ONE WEEK OF THE MAKING OF THE CARE ORDER AND WEEKLY THERAFTER UNTIL THE FIRST REVIEW. INTERVALS OF NOT MORE THAN 6 WEEKLY AND 4 WEEKLY IF ON INTERIM CARE ORDER FOLLOWING THE REVIEW</p>
<p><u>PLACEMENT WITH PARENTS UNDER REG 19 (BEFORE THE ASSESSMENT IS COMPLETED) REG 28(3)</u></p>	<p>THE FIRST REVIEW MUST TAKE PLACE WITHIN 10 WORKING DAYS OF MOVE</p>	<p>STATUTORY VISITS SOULD BE WEEEKLY UNTIL THE FIRST REVIEW THEREAFTER NOT MORE THAN 6 WEEKLY</p>

<u>SECURE ACCOMMODATION</u>	THE SECURE REVIEW PANEL WILL BE CHAIRED BY THE SERVICE DIRECTOR. LAC REVIEWS MUST BE CONVENED WITHIN 28 DAYS OF A CHILD BEING PLACED IN SECURE ACCOMMODATION AND THEN AT INTERVALS NOT EXCEEDING 3 MONTHS	AS NEW LAC
<u>REMANDS TO LOCAL AUTHORITY ACCOMMODATION</u>	AS NEW LAC	AS NEW LAC
<u>REMANDS TO YOUTH DETENTION ACCOMMODATION (YOI)</u>	AS NEW LAC	AS NEW LAC

**WHEN TO INFORM THE IRO**  
**from the IRO Handbook 2010 (3.74)**

- Proposed change of care plan for example arising at short notice in the course of proceedings following on directions from the court;
- Where agreed decisions from review are not carried out within the specified timescale;
- Major change to contact arrangements;
- Changes of allocated social worker;

- Any safeguarding concerns involving the child, which may lead to enquiries being made under section 47 of the 1989 Act ('child protection enquiries') and outcomes of child protection conferences, or other meetings not attended by the IRO;
- Complaints from or on behalf of child, parent or carer;
- Unexpected changes in the child's placement provision which may significantly impact on placement stability or safeguarding arrangements;
- Significant changes in birth family circumstances for example births, marriages or deaths which may have a particular impact on the child;
- Where the child is charged with any offence leading to referral to youth offending services, pending criminal proceedings and any convictions or sentences as a result of such proceedings;
- Where the child is excluded from school;
- Where the child is running away or missing from the approved placement;
- Significant health, medical events, diagnoses, illnesses, hospitalisations, serious accidents.

- Panel decisions in relation to permanence