**AGREEMENT FOR ACCOMMODATION OF CHILDREN under S20 of the Children Act 1989**

1. This agreement is made between Gateshead Council and …………………………………………………… (Mother of the children) and between Gateshead Council and …………………………………….. ………………………………….( Father of the children )
2. The child (ren) is / are ……………………… ( dob )

 and ………………………………………………………………… Father does / does not have parental responsibility

1. The children would normally live at ………………………………………………………………...with Mother / Father
2. Mother and Father are aware they need to be able to be contacted by the Social Worker and their contact telephone numbers are - Mother : F:
3. If Mother or Father wish to speak to a Social Worker about their children they should contact
Social Worker : telephone: or Team Manager telephone
4. Gateshead Council are worried about the child(ren), and believe that it is better for the child(ren) to live away from their parents while the Council continues its investigations and carries out any necessary assessments.
5. Gateshead Council will arrange foster -carers to look after the children, and will make appropriate arrangements for contact with Mother and Father / Contact arrangements have been agreed, and are ……………………………………………………………………………………………………………..If safe and appropriate Mother and Father will be able to meet the foster carers.
6. Mother and Father do / do not accept that there are concerns with their care of any of the children and accept / deny causing any harm to them. They are willing to allow the children to be looked after by the Council at the moment.
7. Mother has had the benefit of legal advice from…………………………………………………………………. Father has had the benefit of legal advice from…………………………………………………………………….
or
8. Mother and Father have been advised of the need to seek urgent legal advice as soon as possible
9. Mother and Father agree that
	1. the Council can place the children in Local Authority foster care;
	2. they will visit the children by arrangement and agreement with the Council’s Social Workers;
10. Mother and Father understand that while the children are accommodated they will still have Parental Responsibility for the children, and that the Council will not share any Parental Responsibility for the children while they are in foster care. The parents will still make all the necessary decisions about the children’s care, including education, and except in situation of extreme emergency, medical and dental treatment.
11. Mother and Father understand that they are able to remove the children from the Council’s care at any time.
12. If either Mother or Father ask the Council to return the children to them, the Council will not be able to keep the children in foster-care, and will have to return the children immediately. This agreement will come to an end. Should the Council believe the children’s welfare can only be safeguarded outside of the care of Mother or father they will need to bring this to the attention of the Family Court as a matter of urgency.

(Where appropriate) I have had this agreement translated to me by a ………………………………………………. interpreter and I understand each part of it.

Signed……………………………………………………………………………………………………………….. M

Date………………………………………………………………….

Signed………………………………………………………………………………………………………..F

Date……………………………………………………………………

I have translated each part of this agreement into ……………………………………………….. for Mother and / or Father, and believe that they have understood the meaning of this agreement.

Signed…………………………………………………………. (Interpreter)

 Print name:…………………………………………….

Signed ……………………………………………….. Social Worker

( Print ) Name ……………………………………………..

 Address……………………………………………

 Contact No…………………………………………..

 ( Print ) Team Manager Name …………………………………………………

 Address………………………………………………….

 Contact No………………………………………………….