**Section 20 sub section 11 (CA 1989) Agreement for Young Person**

**aged 16 and over**

This is a formal agreement between Medway Council and

Young Person: Date of Birth:

It has been explained to me that a section 20 agreement involves me agreeing to being provided with accommodation and people to care for me, and I will be formally “looked after” by Medway Local Authority.

I agree to being placed in foster care / with assessed connected carers named \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_/ in supported lodgings / in residential care/ or alternative accommodation deemed appropriate and to meet my needs.

It has been explained that I have the following rights:-

1. To change my mind in respect of wishing to be Accommodated and bring the agreement to an end at any time, although I understand that Children’s Services would wish for me to end my voluntary status in a planned way.
2. To be supported to obtain legal advice about this agreement if I require it
3. For the agreement to be kept under review and for an Independent Reviewing Officer to quality assure the care I can expect to receive.
4. To be allocated a Personal Advisor from the Leaving Care Team to support me with other areas of my life, for example, school, college, planning for my future.
5. to have the opportunity to speak to my social worker, Independent Reviewing Officer or Personal Advisor, so that my voice is heard.

I also understand that whilst I am a looked after young person being cared for in the accommodation provided, I will respect the carers and their house rules and that there will be expectations placed on both of us in terms of my behaviour and responsibilities.

I have read the document and I agree to its terms.

 Name Date

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Signature of young person

Signed on behalf of the Medway Council

by:………………………………………………Name………………………………………

 (signature) (print name)

Position: Date:

Review date:

Where the young person is not fluent in English (and Section 20 care is required in an emergency), necessitating support from an interpreter:

I am an approved and registered interpreter.

I have today read this document to the young person in their native language \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, and am satisfied that they have understood this documents and the further information provided by the social worker.

Signed: Print Name:

Agency: Professional Registration:

Dated:

Where interpreting services are used, this document must be translated into the young person’s own language and re-signed as soon as possible and ideally within 7 days.