**Section 20 sub section 11 (CA 1989) Certification**

**By the Social Worker upon obtaining s20 consent of the young person aged 16 or over**

I, ………………………………………….. obtained valid consent for ………………………….

…………………………………………….to be accommodated on……………….

1. I am satisfied that the young person signing the consent had the capacity to do so and that the consent is valid consent because:

* I believe the young person fully understands the consequences of giving such consent.
* I believe the young person fully appreciates the range of choice available and the consequences of refusal as well as giving consent.
* I believe the young person to be in possession of all the facts and issues material to the giving of consent.
* The young person has been able to retain and weigh up information and is able to provide consistent explanations for their decision making.

2. I have considered whether it is necessary and proportionate for the young person to be accommodated as a Looked After Child (young person); in coming to this view I have considered in particular:

1. If it is necessary for the safety of the young person to be accommodated at this time.

After considering all of the above matters, I consider that the voluntary accommodation of the young person is necessary. My analysis of these matters is written on the young person’s file and has been approved by the Head of Service

**3.** I have also considered whether the young person is sufficiently fluent in English to understand the agreement and have decided that s/he is **or** that this written document should be has been translated into the young person’s own language and the young person should sign the foreign language text, adding, in their own language, words to the effect that 'I have read this document and I agree to its terms.'

Signed………………………………………………… Dated……………………………….

Discussed and decision confirmed by manager

Signed………………………………………………….Position………………………………………

Dated……………………………………………………

Review date: