

-IN THE MATTER OF THE ADOPTION AND CHILDREN 2002

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BETWEEN

NORTHUMBERLAND COUNTY COUNCIL

Applicant

AND

AND

AND

Respondent

STATEMENT OF

1. Introduction

- 1.1. I, NAME, am a qualified and registered Social Worker employed by Northumberland County Council with the AREA Locality Team based in ADDRESS. I qualified in DATE from XXXX University with a XXXX degree in Social Work. I have worked within this team since XXXX.
- 1.2. I have been the allocated Social Worker for XXXX family since DATE.
- 1.3. I make this statement in support of the Local Authority's application to revoke the Placement Order for NAME.

2. Reason for statement

- 2.1. The Local Authority are making an application to the court for a revocation of the Placement Order which was granted for CHILD on DATE.
- 2.2. This is due to an unsuccessful MONTH/YEAR search for an adoptive placement for NAME and following agreement from the care team, Local Authority manager and Agency Decision maker in DATE to change CHILD's long term placement from Adoption to one of *Long Term Foster Care/Residential/Return Home (choose as appropriate)*.

- 2.3. CHILD has remained with WHO since.....
- 2.4. Unfortunately/Fortunately CHILDS placement with his current foster carer is/ is not a suitable long term placement [and was proposed to only be short term placement following the conclusion of care proceedings until adopters were identified.] The foster carer states she is able to offer ongoing support for CHILD, until appropriate long term foster carers are identified - **review and complete as necessary**
- 2.5. As CHILD's Social Worker, I submitted CHILD's long term profile to the fostering team on DATE and they are now searching for appropriate carers. It is hoped that carers are identified soon so he/she can find permanency.

3. Background to the making of orders

Set out here a brief overview of the care proceedings. What led to the care proceedings. Keep it a summary - the Court can have access to the care papers if required.

- 3.1. The child/ren were made subject to a Care order and Placement Order, granted by the Court on DATE.

4. Events since the making of Orders

Set out what the plan was for the child/ren, in light of any care plans at the time and make reference if there was a sibling group to any sibling assessment undertaken.

If a sole child, detail the steps taken to find a family, what difficulties have arose, any placements moves, any changes in behaviour which have led to adoption no longer being a successful option for the child.

If the plan was to keep the siblings together, set out in detail what steps taken to search for placements together, what outcomes there was, was there a change in the siblings relationship to lead to separate placements, was there an updating sibling assessment, if so make reference to it (and send to Legal).

What life story work has been done with the child to understand their current placement, especially if a sibling group has been separated which has resulted in a sibling being adopted.

If there has been delay in the making of the application to revoke the placement order, set out at the end of this section why and what has led to that delay.

- 4.1. The initial plan made by the Local Authority and endorsed by the Court, was.....
- 4.2. There has been in all, TIME of family finding for CHILD and there has

been no interest. *(explain how much was as a sibling group if relevant)*

- 4.3. It was agreed within CHILD's Looked After child review on the DATE that CHILD's plan would change from an adoptive placement to a long term foster placement.
- 4.4. The Local Authority Agency Decision Maker agreed to the change of plan on DATE.
- 4.5. The Local Authority accepts there has been delay for CHILD in making this application due to.....

5. Contact since making of Orders

Here you need to set out any contact child has had with parents/siblings/family since the making of order, whether there has been a final contact, whether there is on-going, whether parent/s/family have been offered contact and not taken this up etc. Comment on the quality of the contact, relationship between the child and person in contact and whether this supports a continuation of contact ongoing in this manner.

- 5.1. Since the making of orders.....

6. Local Authority's Plan

Set out here the plan for the child, including contact proposals for any family members.

- 6.1. The Local Authority are therefore applying to the Court to revoke the Placement Order and the focus will be to provide CHILD with permanency through.....
- 6.2. It is proposed within CHILD's care plan that he/she will continue to have contact with..... / he/she will not have contact with because.....

Signed:

Dated:

NAME, Social Worker