**SECTION 7 REPORT**

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Gloucester County Court

**Applicant:**

**Respondent:**

Case No.

Hearing Date:

**Section 7 (Welfare) Report Concerning**

Author of Report:

Report Date:

**1. INTRODUCTION**

1.1 This is an application by XXXXX for a (state order) in respect of XXXXXX

1.2 The respondent is XXXXXXX

1.3 *State family dynamics, where child/ren are residing and outline current contact arrangements*

*1.4 State any orders currently in place and details of those including dates*

**2. Request from the court**

2.1 *Outline what court has ordered for purpose of the report*

**3. Sources of information**

3.2 Those interviewed for the purpose of this report were

3.3 *Detail sources of information; visits, direct work, telephone conversations, multiagency input and any other information/ enquiries made that is being relied upon within the report*

**4. Background information**

4.1 *Outline child’s age, ethnicity, cultural needs, any additional education or health needs. Outline family relationships and any other relevant information to the child’s circumstances such as where s/he resides, contact arrangements, school setting and any other siblings.*

*4.2 Outline each parents currently role in child’s day to day arrangements*

**5. Family Composition**

**6. Chronology of Children’s services involvement**

**7. The Child’s story so far and their views**

*Detail family history including parents relationship and the child’s lived experiences of this. When did separation occur and what were the causes of this?*

Reason for court involvement

*Outline parents perspective of dispute and reasons for why the applicant to the court had been made. What attempts have been made to resolve prior to the application*

Parents views on the care of XXXX

*Include any concerns parents may have regarding the care of the child.*

Information from other professionals

The child’s wishes and feelings

**8. Overall Summary and Analysis**

**9. In respect of the Welfare Checklist:**

**Children Act 1989 S.1 (3)**

**a) The ascertainable wishes and feelings of the child concerned (considered in the light of his age and understanding):**

**b) The child’s physical, emotional and educational needs:**

**c) The likely effect on the child of any change in the child’s circumstances:**

1. **The child’s age, sex, background and any characteristics of the child which the court considers relevant:**

**e) Any harm which the child has suffered or is at risk of suffering**:

**f) How capable each of the child’s parents and any other person in relation to whom the court considers the question to be relevant is of meeting the child’s needs:**

**g) Range of powers available to the court under this Act in the proceedings in question:**

**9. Recommendation**

*Include recommendations for any order the court may be able to make and recommendations for contact*

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(Author’s Name)

**Children & Family Reporter**

*(Date)*