**Midway reviews from Quality Assurance and Safeguarding Unit in relation to Looked After Children**

The purpose of this document is to provide a consistent and robust framework for the recording of IROs Midway Monitoring Meetings with social workers. The framework focuses on the progression of the Care Plan and issues affecting the child(ren). It is not intended to be a file audit as part of a more overarching quality assurance framework.

The table below will inform the basis of all Midway Monitoring, however it will be considered on a case by case basis taking into account the circumstance of each case /Care Plan.

**Aim**

The aim of a mid-way review is to:

* To support Care Plans being progressed timely and in the child’s best interests.
* Offer quality assurance of the essential elements of the progression of a Care Plan.
* Ensure that the progress of the Care Plan is reviewed. Any drift and delay will be identified and highlighted to the TM in order to ensure remedial actions can be addressed and ensure the Care Plan is effective.
* Raise any issues with drift and delay timely.
* Systematically review Care Plans mid-way through the plan.

**How**

IROs will review the progress of the Care Plan both on ICS and discussion with social worker and contact the Team Manager of the case to discuss any concerns that may arise with the progress of the plan.

**Recording**

ICS casenote has a drop down, IRO Midway Monitoring that is used to record all Midways

**Midway review 12 weeks after the second LAC review**

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|  | Yes/No | Comment | Action needed |
| Have statutory requirements been completed:  Statutory visits undertaken, child(ren) seen  PEP undertaken  Permanency Planning Meetings  Health assessment |  |  |  |
| Permanency plan in place/has permanency been achieved |  |  |  |
| Has the Care Plan been updated with the recommendations from the last Looked After Children Review? |  |  |  |
| Is the SW engaging with the child via direct work using child friendly tools?  Views of child |  |  |  |
| Are parents/foster carers kept informed/involved in decision making.  Views of parent |  |  |  |
| Is there any evidence of drift and delay that require escalation with managers? |  |  |  |
| In the event the Care Plan is not progressing, what is the contingency plan |  |  |  |
| Is there evidence of Management oversight and decision making |  |  |  |
| IRO summary and recommendations |  |  |  |