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| **Local Authority  social work evidence template**  **(Final statement)** |  | In the Family Court sitting at |
|  | In the matter of the Children Act 1989 |

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**The child(ren)**

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| **Names** | **Gender** | **Date of Birth** | **Child’s current placement status** | **Child’s current  legal status** |
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| **Local Authority and Social Worker details** | |
| Case number |  |
| Filed by [local authority] |  |
| Social work statement number in the proceedings, e.g. 1st, 2nd, 3rd |  |
| Social work statement number for this witness e.g. 1st, 2nd, 3rd |  |
| This witness’s name, qualifications, experience, and office address |  |
| This witness’s HCPC registration number |  |
| Dated |  |

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| **1. Case details** |
| (final position where different from earlier statements in the case) |
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| **2. The court social work chronology** |
| (final position where different from earlier statements in the case) |
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| **3. Analysis of harm** |
| (final position where different from earlier statements in the case) |
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| **4. Child impact analysis** |
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| **5. Analysis of Parenting Capability** |
| (final position where different from earlier statements in the case) |
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| **6. Analysis of wider family and friends capability** |
| (final position where different from earlier statements in the case) |
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**7. Table of realistic placement options**

Add additional tables for each child in a sibling group. Only list realistic options, whatever the number ie, 1, 2, 3, etc. The LAC Care Plan should be filed separately.

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| **Child** | **First realistic option: [please describe option]** | |
| **Factors in favour** | **Factors against** |
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|  | **Second realistic option: [please describe option]** | |
| **Factors in favour** | **Factors against** |
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|  | **Third realistic option: [please describe option]** | |
| **Factors in favour** | **Factors against** |
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| **8. The proposed S31A plan – the early permanence and contact plan** |
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| (final position where different from earlier statements in the case) |
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| **9. Views and issues raised by other parties (where known)** |
| (final position where different from earlier statements in the case) |
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| **10. Statement of procedural fairness** |
| (final position where different from earlier statements in the case) |
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| **10. Signature** |  | |
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|  | **The facts in this application are true to the best of my knowledge and belief and the opinions set out are my own.** | |
| Signed |  | |
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| Date |  |  |