**Young Person’s Consent Form – Agreement to be looked after by the Local Authority**

**To be signed by child or young person over 16 years of age assessed to understand the implications of the decision they are being asked to make. (Referred to as ‘Fraser Competent’)**

I am being asked to sign this form because I am going to be looked after by the local authority – this means they will find somewhere for me to live and I will be taken care of. This is an arrangement I have freely agreed to. This means I am being looked after under ‘Section 20’ of the Children Act 1989. My social worker has explained that I do not have to agree to this, and that the arrangement is for a limited time.

**Child/Young Persons Details**

**Name: ………………………………………………………….**

**Date(s) of birth: ………………………………………………....**

**Address: ………………………………………………………….**

 …………………………………………………………..

**Giving my agreement to being accommodated and taken care of by the Local Authority**

***If you do not understand or do not agree with anything written below, please ask your social worker.***

***If you do agree please tick to say so below:***

I understand that this agreement is a voluntary one - meaning I have not objected to it, and it is not the same as the Local Authority going to court to take me into care against my or my parents’ wishes, and I am aware that I have to give my permission freely. This has been explained to me.

I understand that I can change my mind about this agreement and leave the care of the local authority at any time.

I understand that the Local Authority will not make important decisions about me without talking to me.

I understand that by agreeing to being looked after without the Local Authority taking action in court, that I will not be represented through my own solicitor, unless I instruct one separately.

I understand that I am entitled to obtain legal advice and it has been recommend that I do

so by South Gloucestershire Council’s Children’s Services Department on …………………

[date] by ……………………………………… [name of social worker].

A list of local solicitors has been provided on …………………..........[date]

If I do not wish to seek legal advice, it has been explained to me that I can seek the support of an advocate (Reconstruct).

This consent form has been provided to me in my first language of (if this is not English please attach the relevant translated document).

**My Social Worker has given me the following information:**

 Where I will be staying;

 What the arrangements will be for me to see and speak to my family;

 What the arrangement will be for meeting my health needs;

 How my social worker will keep in touch with me and how often they will visit me;

 What the arrangements will be for my education, including transport

**I have read this document and agree to what it says:**

**Signed:** .....................................................................................................................................

**Name:** .......................................................................................................................................

**Date:** .........................................................................................................................................

**I......................................................................... agree to being looked after**

**by South Gloucestershire Council.**

**Signature:**.........................................

**Name:**...........................................,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,, **Date** .......................