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| **GENERAL WELFARE FACTORS** | **YES / NO** | **COMMENTS** | **ACTION REQUIRED?**  **By Whom**  **By When** |
| Can the home comfortably accommodate all who live there? | **Yes**  **No** |  |  |
| Is the home warm, adequately furnished and decorated? | **Yes**  **No** |  |  |
| Is the home maintained to a good standard of hygiene and cleanliness? | **Yes**  **No** |  |  |
| Will each child and birth child have his/her own bedroom? | **Yes**  **No** |  |  |

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| **GENERAL SAFETY FACTORS** | **YES / NO** | **COMMENT INCLUDING ANY FURTHER ACTION PROPOSED** | **ACTION REQUIRED?**  **By Whom**  **By When** |
| Is electrical equipment in good repair? | **Yes**  **No** |  |  |
| Are accessible power points fitted with child safety covers? | **Yes**  **No** |  |  |
| Are all heating appliances fixed to the wall? | **Yes**  **No** |  |  |
| Are fireguards used and if so are they fitted securely to the wall | **Yes**  **No** |  |  |
| Are smoke detectors fitted and working? (We strongly recommend these.) | **Yes**  **No** |  |  |
| Is a carbon monoxide detector fitted in homes which have gas? (We recommend this.) | **Yes**  **No** |  |  |
| Are sockets overloaded? | **Yes**  **No** |  |  |
| Are gas fire and gas water heaters serviced yearly? And evidence available? | **Yes**  **No** |  |  |
| Are any areas of glass a potential hazard? | **Yes**  **No** |  |  |
| Are there any loose or uneven floor coverings, flag stones or ceramic floor tiles | **Yes**  **No** |  |  |
| Do soft furnishings conform to British Safety Standards? | **Yes**  **No** |  |  |
| Are carers committed to ensuring that any new furniture conforms to British Safety Standards? | **Yes**  **No** |  |  |
| Are any items of furniture likely to be a hazard to a child | **Yes**  **No** |  |  |
| Do windows have locks / restrictors? | **Yes**  **No** |  |  |
| Are windows free of all hazards which may inadvertently cause choking, such as loose curtain pull cords/ blind cords? | **Yes**  **No** |  |  |
| Are all window and door keys easily available in the event of a fire? | **Yes**  **No** |  |  |
| Is there adequate artificial / natural light to illuminate any steps? | **Yes**  **No** |  |  |
| Are the banisters filled in or have a maximum gap between rails of 4 inches? | **Yes**  **No** |  |  |
| Is a stair gate fitted? | **Yes**  **No** |  |  |
| Do high chairs, buggies and child equipment conform to British Safety Standards? | **Yes**  **No** |  |  |
| Is there an accessible First Aid box?  Does it contain all required items? | **Yes**  **No**  **Yes**  **No** |  |  |
| How will glassware, china and other fragile objects be kept so as to avoid harm by or to a child | **Yes**  **No** |  |  |
| Are alcohol, cigarettes and lighters kept out of reach? | **Yes**  **No** |  |  |
| Are any fire arms kept in the house | **Yes**  **No** | If YES, Certificate No.:    Location of gun cabinet? |  |
| Any other weapons kept in the house | **Yes**  **No** |  |  |
| Pets (Where fed? Where kept? Wormed and immunised? Is pet management hygienic? Are specific dangers relating to pet type?)  (Complete separate Pet Assessment document) | **Yes**  **No** |  |  |
| **LIVING AREAS** – anything of note?  Check any danger from blind pull cords is addressed and eliminated. | **Yes**  **No** |  |  |
| **DINING AREAS** – anything of note?  Check any danger from blind pull cords is addressed and eliminated. | **Yes**  **No** |  |  |
| **KITCHEN** | | | |
| Are kettle flexes short and out of reach? | **Yes**  **No** |  |  |
| Are chest freezers kept locked? | **Yes**  **No** |  |  |
| Are knives and other utensils kept out of reach? | **Yes**  **No** |  |  |
| Is a cooker guard fitted?  Do cupboards have child locks | **Yes**  **No**  **Yes**  **No** |  |  |
| Are kitchen work surfaces and flooring undamaged and kept clear? | **Yes**  **No** |  |  |
| Does food seem to be appropriately stored in cupboards and/or fridges? | **Yes**  **No** |  |  |
| Are bleach, poisonous substances, medicines, matches, etc stored in their original containers, out of reach of small children | **Yes**  **No** |  |  |
| **BATHROOM & TOILETS** | | | |
| Are lights or electrical heaters controlled by a pull cord switch? | **Yes**  **No** |  |  |
| Are medicines, shampoos, cosmetics and razors locked away out of reach?(lockable medicine chest used) | **Yes**  **No** |  |  |
| Is there a thermostat on the hot water control to prevent scalding? If not, how will harm be prevented | **Yes**  **No** | If NO, how will harm be prevented? |  |
| Is there a lock on the door? (Is it out of reach of children?) | **Yes**  **No** |  |  |
| **Bedroom 1** - Anything of note  Check any danger from blind pull cords is addressed.  Check windows do not open wide. A child could fall out. | **Yes**  **No** |  |  |
| **Bedroom 2 -** Anything of note  Check any danger from blind pull cords is addressed.  Check windows do not open wide. A child could fall out. | **Yes**  **No** |  |  |
| **Bedroom 3** - Anything of note  Check any danger from blind pull cords is addressed.  Check windows do not open wide. A child could fall out. | **Yes**  **No** |  |  |
| **Any other room not covered**  Check any danger from blind pull cords is addressed.  Check windows do not open wide. A child could fall out. |  |  |  |
| **OUTDOORS** including Gardens, sheds, ponds, equipment etc. | | | |
| Has a trip device been fitted to outside electrical circuit to prevent fatal shock? | **Yes**  **No** |  |  |
| Are gardening DIY/equipment/chemicals locked away out of sight and reach? | **Yes**  **No** |  |  |
| Are boundary garden fences and gates secure and in good condition? | **Yes**  **No** |  |  |
| Are swings, slides, etc securely fixed and kept in good condition? | **Yes**  **No** |  |  |
| Trampoline safe and has appropriate safety net in place? | **Yes**  **No** |  |  |
| Are garage and sheds locked? | **Yes**  **No** |  |  |
| Are greenhouses, ponds, water tanks, etc covered or fenced off? (We would expect water to be safely covered.) | **Yes**  **No** |  |  |
| Are sandpits hygienic and covered when not in use? | **Yes**  **No** |  |  |
| Any other risk feature (e.g. swimming pool) is risk assessment is place | **Yes**  **No** |  |  |
| **Cars/Motor homes** - For **each** car and caravan.  Type and make of car.  When is the car insurance and MOT due? |  |  |  |
| Is MOT and insurance on carer’s car up to date?  (This should have been checked already.) | **Yes**  **No** |  |  |
| Are cars fitted with BSS approved restraints? | **Yes**  **No** |  |  |
| Any other factors which may pose a risk to a child or to the carers? | **Yes**  **No** |  |  |

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| **Farm/Small Holding Premises**  If relevant, address here any matters arising from the above type of premises. |
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| **Summary of any planned improvements:** |
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| **Any areas of disagreement?** |
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| **Assessing Social Worker’s Signature:** |  | **Date:** |
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