**Parents’ Consent Form - form for Parent to give their agreement for their child to be looked after by the Local Authority**

I am being asked to sign this form because my child is being looked after by the local authority and this is an arrangement I have freely agreed to. This means my child is 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.

**Parent Details**

**Name:………………………………………………………….**

**Address……………………………………………………….**

**Child/Young Persons Details**

**Name: ………………………………………………………….**

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

**Address: ………………………………………………………….**

**Consent to my child being 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 my child away against my will, 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 remove my child from the care of the local authority at any time.

I understand that the Local Authority will not make important decisions about my child(ren) without me. This is called Parental Responsibility and I continue to have Parental Responsibility for my child.

I understand that I must separately give my consent for my child to undergo any medical examination or treatment, if needed.

I understand that by agreeing to my child 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]

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 my child will be staying;

 What the arrangements will be for me to see, speak or write to my child;

 What the arrangement will be for meeting my child’s 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 child to be in school/college, to include transport

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

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

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

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

**I......................................................................... agree to**

**……………………………………….., my son/daughter, being accommodated**

**by South Gloucestershire Council.**

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

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