**Smoking and Electronic Cigarettes Agreement**:

Dorset smoking policy and guidance has been provided to .

Dorset Children’s Services Fostering Team have considered the placement of children under 5 with Foster Carer/s .

Under exceptional circumstances, placements can be made with the requirement that this strict smoking agreement is maintained.

* It is imperative that children or young people placed, are not exposed to smoking or witness, and see evidence of smoking whilst placed.
* Carers should not smoke whilst children are fostered within their home. This includes other family members and visitors to the home.
* Cigarettes, lighters and Electronic cigarettes should be kept out of sight and not referred to, in front of the children or young people.
* There should be no evidence of ashtrays,cigarette butts, or bottles of chemicals in the house or garden.
* Carers should change their outside clothing and/or remove clothing which may have residue cigarette smoke/or chemicals on it.
* Carers should also consider brushing their teeth or using a mouth wash after smoking, as well as washing their hands and face as to not transfer any smoke/chemical residue to any child in placement.

This agreement is equally applicable for foster carers who use only Electronic cigarettes, known as e-cigarettes or vapourisers with additional instructions that;

* All e-cigarettes /Vape impliments and chemicals are stored in a locked or high cupboard where a foster child would not have access - dependant on age and understanding.
* For the foster carer to take extra care of the chemical liquid which is inserted into the e-cigarettes /Vape implement and of the charger and/or batteries – it has been highlighted that some liquids used in the Electronic cigarettes can cause nicotine poising and there have been incidents of the implement exploding and individuals being burned (Robert H. Shmerling, MD, Havard Health Publishing, 2019)

Signed and agreed by

Foster Carers:

Carer: Date

Carer: Date

FSW Comments:

Fostering Social Worker: Date

ADM Comments:

ADM Approval: Date