

PLO6(04.08) Standard Directions Form (at First Appointment) Menu Children Act 1989 (Public Law Outline)

- [] The child(ren)'s solicitor shall file and serve by 2.00 pm on [{date}] a Case Analysis and Recommendations document prepared by the Children's Guardian for use at the Case Management Conference setting out:
- (a) an analysis of the issues that need to be resolved in the case including-
 - (i) any harm or risk of harm;
 - (ii) the child's own views;
 - (iii) the family context including advice relating to ethnicity, language, religion and culture of the child and other significant persons;
 - (iv) the Local Authority work and proposed care plan ;
 - (v) advice about the court process including the Timetable for the Child; and
 - (vi) identification of work that remains to be done for the child in the short and longer term; and
 - (b) recommendations for outcomes, in order to safeguard and promote the best interests of the child in the proceedings.
- [] The [M] [F] [] [Respondents] shall each file and serve by 2.00pm on [{date}]
- (i) a Case Summary setting out
 - (a) their proposals for the long term future of the child (to include placement and contact);
 - (b) their reply to the Local Authority's Schedule of Proposed Findings;
 - (c) any proposal for assessment / expert evidence; and
 - (d) the names, addresses and contact details of any family or friends who it is suggested be approached in relation to long term care / contact or respite;
 - (ii) Initial witness statements
 - (iii) [Other – specify]
- [] Any party proposing to ask the court for permission to instruct an expert or for any other assessment must comply with the Experts' Practice Direction and provide details to the other parties before the advocates' meeting of the nature of the assessment or report required, the issue to which it is directed, the identity, CV and availability of the proposed assessor, the timescale, likely cost and method of funding.
- [] Any outstanding disclosure of relevant documents between the parties shall take place not later than 3 working days before the CMC advocates meeting.