

Social Worker Checklist



A checklist to assist in providing the child or young person with information about what is happening to her or him

What is happening to me and why?
Why am I being moved?

Where am I going?

What are my carers families feelings or views?

What is happening to my siblings (if they're not going to the same place)? How can I stay in touch with them?

Who am I going to live with – who are my carers? Are there other children in the house? What are they like? Where do they live? What do they do? How old are they?

Can you and I meet with my carers before I go to live with them?

When will I be able to see my family/ex-carer?

How long is this arrangement for?

What happens next?

How can I contact you, my social worker? (use the 'You have the right to feel and be safe' contact card)

If at school, will I still attend the same school? If moving schools, can I still see my friends from the previous school? Has someone contacted my old and new schools?

Can you get some things that are important to me from home?
(may not be possible if the carer says no)

Can I talk to you about how all this is making me feel?

What is happening to my pets?

Will I still be able to play sport/participate in recreational, cultural or religious activities?

Will I be able to stay overnight with my family/ex-carer?

List of child's belongings – check they have what they brought with them and what was bought for them.

What if I want to see my grandparents or other extended family members?





Information handover checklist

A checklist outlining the information/materials to be provided to the child or young person (as appropriate)



Charter of Rights brochure

'about being in care' information brochure

Charter of Rights poster

'You have the right to feel and be safe' contacts card

clubCREATE membership form

Notes or any other questions

The checklist is based on what young people in care have told the Office of the Guardian about what they want to know when entering care. For further information contact the Office on 8226 8570.

