



# Northumberland County Council

# 10 POINT CHECKLIST



## 1. DISCIPLINARY POLICY OF CHILDREN'S HOME?

Consider the Policies in Place at the Children's home in relation to disciplinary measures for challenging behaviour and policies in relation to prosecuting children for offences committed within the individual Children's homes.



## 2. WHY HAVE THE POLICE BEEN INVOLVED AND IS IT AS AGREED IN THE POLICY?

Evidence why the police have been called in relation to the incident and is this within the guidelines of the Children's home policy. What action do carers or the local authority wish the police to take. individual Children's homes.



## 3. ANY INFORMAL ACTION / DISCIPLINARY ACTION ALREADY TAKEN?

What disciplinary action has been taken to address the child's behaviour or to deal with the incident at the Children's home.



## 6. SOCIAL WORKER'S VIEWS?

Has the social worker been contacted, what are their views in relation to the incident, are there any current issues that may be affecting the child's behaviour. Can children's services assist with a safeguarding plan to deal with the concerns.



## 5. VICTIM'S VIEWS?

What are the views of the victim. Establish what the victim's views are after a period of time and the situation has de-escalated. Is this a repeat victim. Are their any vulnerabilities or safeguarding risks that need to be considered in relation to the victim.



## 4. ANY APOLOGY / REPARATION?

Has the child made any apology or tried to repair the harm done. Have they been given an opportunity to do this.



## 7. CARE PLAN FOR LOOKED AFTER CHILD?

What Care Plan is in place, does it identify responses to particular behaviours or risks.



## 8. RECENT BEHAVIOUR / INCIDENTS RE LOOKED AFTER CHILD?

Have there been recent, previous incidents whilst the child has been in care, that effect the decision making, or that have been managed by carers without police involvement.



## 9. INFORMATION ABOUT INCIDENT FROM LOOKED AFTER CHILD (INTERVIEW OR OTHER)?

What has the looked after child said in relation to the incident, what are the contributing factors.



## 10. AGGRAVATING AND MITIGATING FEATURES?

Are there any factors that have contributed to the offence being committed that would aggravate or mitigate the offence that should be considered in this case.

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