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SCHEDULE

Regulation 2

PARENTAL RESPONSIBILITY AGREEMENT *Article 7(1)(b) and (2) of the Children (Northern Ireland) Order 1995*

This is an important document and should be kept in a safe place

Date recorded in the Office of Care and Protection

IMPORTANT NOTE: READ THE NOTES ON THIS FORM BEFORE YOU MAKE THIS AGREEMENT

This is a Parental Responsibility Agreement regarding

the Child Name _____

Boy or Girl _____ Date of Birth _____ Date of 18th Birthday _____

Between

the Mother Name _____

Address _____

and

the Father Name _____

Address _____

Declaration by and agreement of child's parents

We declare that we are the mother and the father of the above child and we agree that the child's father shall have parental responsibility for the child (in addition to the mother having parental responsibility for the child).

Signed (**Mother**) _____ Signed (**Father**) _____

Date _____ Date _____

Certificate of Witness

The following evidence of identify was produced to me by the person signing above, who signed in my presence:

The following evidence of identify was produced to me by the person signing above, who signed in my presence:

Evidence of identity produced to witness

Signature of Witness:

[Master]
[Lay Panel Member]
[Clerk of Petty Sessions or authorised deputy]

[Master]
[Lay Panel Member]
[Clerk of Petty Sessions or authorised deputy]

Name of witness: _____

Address _____

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**IMPORTANT NOTES ABOUT THE PARENTAL RESPONSIBILITY AGREEMENT:
READ THESE NOTES BEFORE YOU MAKE THE AGREEMENT**

About the Parental Responsibility Agreement

The making of this Agreement will **affect the legal position of the mother or father**. You should **both obtain legal advice independently of each other from different solicitors**. You may be eligible for legal aid.

Completing the Form of Parental Responsibility Agreement

Please use black ink (the Agreement will be copied). Put the name of one child only on the form — a separate form of Parental Responsibility Agreement must be completed for each child if the father is to have parental responsibility for more than one child. **Do not sign the Agreement at this stage.**

When you have completed the Agreement (before signing)

Take the form to a local court office (see Telephone Directory under Northern Ireland Court Service, Court Offices — for Belfast see Northern Ireland Court Service, Court Offices, Magistrates' Court) or to the Office of Care and Protection in the Royal Courts of Justice, Chichester Street, Belfast. A Master (in the High Court) or a lay panel member of the Family Proceedings Court or the Clerk of Petty Sessions (or the authorised Deputy of the Clerk of Petty Sessions) will witness your signature. **He or she will require you to produce the following documents before witnessing your signature on the Agreement.**

To the mother: you will need to prove that you are the child's mother, so you must produce the child's **full birth certificate** (not the short birth certificate). And you will also need **evidence of identify** showing a **photograph or signature** (for example a full or provisional Northern Ireland driving licence, official pass or passport).

To the father: you will also need **evidence of identify** showing a **photograph and signature**.

When the Agreement has been signed and witnessed

Make **two copies** of the Agreement (you do not need to copy these notes). **Take or send the original of the signed and witnessed Agreement and the two copies to the Office of Care and Protection, Royal Courts of Justice, Chichester Street, BELFAST BT1 3JF.**

The Office of Care and Protection will record the Agreement and keep the original. A copy will be sent to each parent at the address which that parent has given on the Agreement. **A Parental Responsibility Agreement will not take effect until it has been recorded in the Office of Care and Protection.** That date will appear on the copies sent to the parents.

Ending the Agreement

Once a Parental Responsibility Agreement has been made and has taken effect by being recorded in the Office of Care and Protection it can only be brought to an end—

- **by an order of the court** made on the application of any person who has parental responsibility for the child
- **by an order of the court** made on the application of the child with the leave of the court
- **when the child reaches the age of 18.**