

SCHEDULES

SCHEDULE 4

Regulation 18

Matters to be taken into account when assessing the suitability of P to care for C

1. In respect of P—
 - (a) P's capacity to care for children and in particular in relation to C to—
 - (i) provide for C's physical needs and appropriate medical and dental care,
 - (ii) protect C adequately from harm or danger, including from any person who presents a risk of harm to C,
 - (iii) ensure that the home environment is safe for C,
 - (iv) ensure that C's emotional needs are met and C is provided with a positive sense of self, including any particular needs arising from C's religious persuasion, racial origin, sexual orientation, cultural and linguistic background, and any disability C may have,
 - (v) promote C's learning and intellectual development through encouragement, cognitive stimulation and the promotion of educational success and social opportunities,
 - (vi) enable C to regulate C's emotions and behaviour, including by modelling appropriate behaviour and interactions with others, and
 - (vii) provide a stable family environment to enable C to develop and maintain secure attachments to P and other persons who provide care for C;
 - (b) P's state of health including—
 - (i) P's physical health,
 - (ii) P's emotional health,
 - (iii) P's mental health,
 - (iv) P's medical history,
 - (v) any current or past issues of domestic violence,
 - (vi) any current or past issues regarding substance misuse,and the relevance or otherwise of any of these factors upon P's capacity to care for children and in particular C;
 - (c) P's family relationships and composition of P's household, including particulars of—
 - (i) the identity of all other members of the household, including their age and the nature of their relationship with P and with each other, including any sexual relationship,
 - (ii) any relationship with any person who is a parent of C (whether or not resident in the same household as P),
 - (iii) other adults not being members of the household who are likely to have regular contact with C, and
 - (iv) any current or previous domestic violence between members of the household, including P;

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- (d) P's family history, including—
 - (i) particulars of P's childhood and upbringing including the strengths and difficulties of P's parents or other persons who cared for P,
 - (ii) P's relationships with P's parents and siblings, and their relationships with each other,
 - (iii) P's educational achievement and of any specific learning difficulty or disability,
 - (iv) a chronology of significant life events, and
 - (v) particulars of other relatives and their relationships with C and P;
- (e) particulars of any criminal offences of which P has been convicted or in respect of which P has been cautioned;
- (f) P's past and present employment and other sources of income; and
- (g) the nature of the neighbourhood in which P's home is situated and resources available in the community to support C and P.

2. In respect of members of the household aged 18 and over, so far as is practicable, all the particulars specified in paragraph 1 except sub-paragraphs (d), (f) and (g).