

# Swindon Borough Council

## Supervision Order Policy

When a child is the subject of a Supervision Order this means that the court has made the decision that the child has suffered significant harm or is likely to have suffered significant harm and this is attributable to the care they have received.

A Supervision Order can be made for up to 12 months, which can then be extended upon application for up to three years if the court consider this necessary and proportionate.

A Supervision Order gives the local authority three specific duties:

- To advise, assist and befriend the child
- To take all reasonable steps to see that the order is given effect
- To consider whether to apply for a variation or discharge of the order where it is not being wholly complied with or the authority considers that the order may no longer be necessary.

When a final recommendation is made that there should be a Supervision Order, then court evidence will include a Supervision Order Support Plan.

### **Informing the professionals working with the child:**

The allocated social worker must inform all relevant professionals that the child has been made subject of a Supervision Order or Interim Supervision Order within 5 working days.

The allocated social worker must ensure that all relevant professionals are aware of the requirements of the supervision order and Plan.

### **Review Meetings:**

There will be a Child In Need Meeting arranged within 28 days to ensure that every professional is clear of the plan requirements and ensure that professionals are clear about their responsibilities.

There will be a Child In Need meeting at 3 months chaired by the Team Manager, this review will specifically review the progress of the Supervision Order Support Plan and the visiting pattern.

There will be a 6 month CIN review and an updating statutory assessment will be started following this review.

There will be an internal review at 9 months prior to the 9 month CIN review chaired by a Service Manager to review the outcome of the statutory assessment and progress made on the Supervision Order Plan. Consideration will be given to invite someone from the legal team to make a decision about whether the supervision Order should end at 12 months or be extended for a further period. There will be a CIN review that follows this meeting.

There will be a final CIN review meeting and all professionals and parents/guardians will be informed of the intention to pursue an extension to the Supervision Order or the case will be closed.

### **Visiting**

The frequency of visits may be specified in the supervision order Plan. The expectation is that the child must be seen, spoken to alone, and their views and wishes recorded. If the visiting pattern is not defined in the child will be visited by the allocated social worker every ten days for the first 3 months. This visiting pattern will be reviewed at the first CIN meeting and reduced to no less than monthly for the duration of the Supervision Order if safe to do so.