



Secure Accommodation Procedure

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1. INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 These procedures cover the role of Social Work Services in reaching the significant decision relative to children up to the age of 18 to remove their liberty and place them in secure accommodation. Where the Chief Social Work Officer (CSWO) is noted as being responsible, this can be read as CSWO or their delegate. Where Team Leader is noted as being responsible, this can be read as Team Leader or the child's Social Worker.
- 1.2 In October 2020, national Secure Care Pathway and Standards were created to improve the experiences of children who are in, or on the edges of, secure care. The new Secure Care Pathway and Standards set out what all children in or on the edges of secure care in Scotland should expect across the continuum of intensive supports and services. They provide a framework for ensuring that the rights of children are respected. The Standards are appended to this document. <https://www.securecarestandards.com/>
- 1.3 In cases where a child is under 16 years, or under 18 years and subject to a Compulsory Supervision Order, the Chief Social Work Officer (CSWO) implements a decision, or decides to place a child in secure accommodation. This is done in consultation with the Head of the Secure Unit. There are three routes to placing a child in secure accommodation:
- Where it is authorised by a Children's Hearing (with reference to the Children's Hearing (Scotland) Act 2011)
 - Where it is authorised by a Court (with reference to the Criminal Procedure (Scotland) Act 1995)
- And
- Where the CSWO arranges to place a child in an emergency.
- 1.4 The conditions for placing a child in secure accommodation are set out in section 83(6) Children's Hearings (Scotland) Act 2011:
- That the child has previously absconded and is likely to abscond again and, if the child were to abscond, it is likely that the child's physical, mental or moral welfare would be at risk
 - That the child is likely to engage in self-harming conduct
 - That the child is likely to cause injury to another person.
- These conditions apply whatever the circumstances of the child but the procedures are different depending on the legal status of the child prior to being placed in or considered for placement in secure accommodation:
- Young Person detained by the Court through Criminal Procedure (Scotland) Act 1995
 - Looked After Child who is not the subject of a Compulsory Supervision Order (e.g. S.25, Permanence Order, Kinship Care Order)
 - Looked After Child who is already subject to a Compulsory Supervision Order which does not include Secure Authorisation
 - Looked After Child, subject to a Compulsory Supervision Order with Secure Authorisation.
- 1.5 Section 151 of the 2011 Act 'Implementation of Secure Accommodation Authorisation' is given detail in the 2013 Regulations. It places a duty on the Chief Social Work Officer

(CSWO) to ensure that a child is only placed in secure accommodation where they meet one or more of the relevant conditions.

1.6 This also places a duty on the CSWO to regularly review the situation to confirm that these conditions continue to be met and that placement in secure accommodation remains in the child's best interests.

1.7 The CSWO has four primary tasks:

- To decide whether the child should be placed in secure accommodation with reference to the conditions set out above and that placement in secure accommodation is in their best interests
- To consult with the Head of the Secure Unit, the Child and all Relevant Persons
- To notify the above persons and the Principal Reporter of their decisions, including the right of the child and all relevant persons to request reconsideration of the decision or to appeal to the Sheriff
- To regularly review the case to ensure that the conditions referred to in sections 83(6), 87(4) and 88(3) of the 2011 Act continue to be met.

2. CONSIDERATION OF CHILDREN WHO MAY REQUIRE PLACEMENT IN SECURE ACCOMMODATION, INCLUDING IN AN EMERGENCY

- 2.1 In circumstances where it is considered that there is a potential need for a child to be placed in secure care, including on an emergency basis, the CSWO will be alerted and, where possible and appropriate, a CARM Secure Care Screening meeting will be convened. Checks will also be undertaken to identify what secure placements may be available via <http://www.sanscotland.org> to inform the CSWO/CARM Secure Screening meeting should a decision be made to seek secure placement.
- 2.2 There will be circumstances where the urgent nature of the decision reduces the possibility to hold a CARM Screening meeting. In these circumstances, discussion will occur between the CSWO and relevant staff involved. This is likely to be the Service Manager and Team Leader but may include other professional as appropriate. The CSWO will scrutinise all relevant documentation prior to reaching a decision and must be reassured that the child and relevant person's views have been sought. These views will be taken into account by the CSWO when making a decision.
- 2.3 Should the CSWO/CARM Secure Care Screening meeting reach a recommendation to pursue a secure placement on an emergency basis, the Team Leader will contact identified secure units and seek initial agreement from the Head of the Secure Unit that the placement of the child in secure accommodation is appropriate.
- 2.4 The Team Leader will send to the CSWO the Secure Authorisation form, relevant GIRFEC or Childrens Hearing documentation and any other information required by the CSWO, including the views of the child, each relevant person and the Head of the Secure Unit.
- 2.5 If the CSWO makes a decision to place a child in secure care in an emergency the CSWO will record the decision, the reasons for reaching that decision and the information obtained in carrying out the consultation requirements. The CSWO will send notice of the decision to:
- The child, where taking account of the child's age and maturity, the Chief Social Work Officer considers that the child is capable of understanding the effect of the decision
 - Each relevant person in respect of the child
 - The Head of Unit
 - The Principal Reporter.
- 2.6 The CSWO will send with the notice, the reasons for making the decision. The CSWO will inform the child and each relevant person in respect of the child of the right to appeal the decision under section 162 of the Act.
- 2.7 Notification of the decision, the rights of appeal and the child's access to advocacy, legal advice and representation should be made in writing.
- 2.8 If the CARM Secure Screening Group Meeting decides that a secure placement should be recommended to a Childrens Hearing, the documentation should be sent to the CSWO who will decide whether to approve the recommendation. If the CSWO approves the recommendation, the Team Leader will contact the Childrens Reporter, request a Childrens Hearing and send the relevant documentation to the Childrens Reporter.

3. **AUTHORISATION FOR SECURE CARE MADE BY CHILDREN'S HEARING**

- 3.1 The Social Worker must inform the Team Leader immediately, or as soon as possible after the Hearing, if the Hearing decides to authorise placement in secure accommodation. In turn, the Team Leader should advise the relevant Service Manager and CSWO immediately.
- 3.2 The Team Leader should send the CSWO the Secure Authorisation form, relevant GIRFEC or Childrens Hearing documentation and any other information the CSWO might require, including the views of the child, each relevant Person and the Head of the Secure Unit.
- 3.3 Where the CSWO is in agreement to implement the Hearing's authorisation for secure placement the Team Leader will check for vacancies in secure units (these are available on: <http://www.sanscotland.org>) then inform the Service Manager and CSWO of placement availability. The Team Leader will seek initial agreement from the identified Head of the Secure Unit that placement in secure accommodation is appropriate.
- 3.4 Where the CSWO makes decision to implement a secure accommodation authorisation under section 151(3) of the Act the Chief Social Work Officer must pay due regard to the Secure Accommodation Regulations 2013. This includes the following:
- Consult with and take into account the views of
 - the child, taking into account the age and maturity of the child
 - each relevant person in respect of the child
 - the head of unit; the person in charge of the residential establishment containing the secure unit in which the child is to be placed.
 - Assess
 - whether one or more of the conditions specified in section 83(6) (compulsory supervision order), 87(4) (medical examination order) or 88(3) (warrant to secure attendance), of the Act continue to apply in respect of the child
 - whether placement in secure accommodation would be in the child's best interests
- and
- take into account the decision to make the relevant order or warrant referred to in section 151(2) of the Act and the reasons for that decision.
- 3.5 Where the Chief Social Work Officer makes a decision to implement the secure accommodation authorisation, the Chief Social Work Officer must, within 72 hours of making the decision, comply with the following requirements:
- Record the decision of the Chief Social Work Officer; the reasons for reaching that decision; the information obtained in carrying out the consultation requirements and send notice of the decision to:
 - The child, where taking account of the child's age and maturity, the Chief Social Work Officer considers that the child is capable of understanding the effect of the decision
 - Each relevant person in respect of the child
 - The Head of Unit
 - The Principal Reporter
 - Send with the notice, the reasons for making the decision

- Inform the child and each relevant person in respect of the child of the right to appeal the decision under section 162 of the Act

Notification of the decision, the rights of appeal and the child's access to advocacy should be made in writing.

- 3.6 Where the requirements are not complied with within 72 hours of receiving the decision the Chief Social Work Officer will be deemed to have made a decision not to implement the secure accommodation authorisation.
- 3.7 The Team Leader will:
 - Ensure that a copy of all documentation relevant to the decision is in the child's electronic file
 - Inform the Commissioning Team of the decision where a decision is made to seek a placement and review of the placement
- 3.8 The CSWO will send a copy of all relevant documentation to the CARM Secure Screening Group Administrator. The Secure Screening Group Administrator will retain a copy of the documentation on the child's electronic file and agenda for the next scheduled meeting.
- 3.9 Should the CSWO decide not to implement the Secure Authorisation, they should follow the same notification process outlined above.

4. **REVIEWS OF CHILDREN/YOUNG PEOPLE PLACED IN SECURE ACCOMMODATION (emergency, and with Children's Hearing authorisation)** (Regulation 10, 'Implementation' Regulations 2013)

4.1 The CSWO must review the case:

- within 7 days of placement in secure accommodation;
- a second review within 1 month from the date of the first review;
- monthly thereafter.

The Regulations place this responsibility and the other consultations (child; relevant persons; head of unit) directly on the CSWO. In practice the reviews should be arranged within the above timescales by the Social Worker and Team Leader in collaboration with the CSWO or delegated Service Manager.

The CSWO must be made aware immediately of the outcome of any reviews.

The CSWO must decide whether to continue to implement the authorisation based on the recommendation from these reviews.

All notification processes should be followed, as laid out in Section 3 of these procedures.

4.2 **The Initial 7 Day Review**

This should be chaired by the CSWO or delegated Service Manager, usually at the secure care establishment. The child's Relevant Persons and the Head of Unit must be invited. Their views should be sought, and any reason why they could not be obtained must be recorded.

Should this review recommend that the child/young person remain in secure accommodation, a date should be set for the next review within one month of this initial review. It must be stressed that this meeting may only recommend to the CSWO whom would ultimately hold executive authority to decide, in consultation with the Head of the Secure Unit, whether to continue to implement the Secure Authorisation.

Immediately after this review, the Chair must send the recommendations to the CSWO; and send the full minute, reports considered at the review meeting and **Implementation of Secure Authorisation: Decision Following Review** form within two working days.

4.3 On receipt of the above, the CSWO must decide whether they agree with the recommendation from the review. Again all notification processes should be followed, as laid out in Section 3 of these procedures.

4.4 **Review Within One Month & Monthly thereafter of the Initial Review**

This review and all the subsequent monthly reviews should follow the same process as the initial review.

As soon as possible (and no later than within 3 working days) after each review, the Chair must complete an updated Form 4, which, in addition to the other aspects of the Child's Plan, must address the issues of:

- whether the child meets one or more of the conditions specified in Sections 83 (6), 87 (4) or 88 (3) of the Children's Hearings (Scotland) Act 2011;
- the child's needs and how these needs are being met;
- whether placement in secure accommodation continues to be in the child's best interests.

The Form 4 and the completed **Implementation of Secure Authorisation: Decision Following Review** form should be sent to the CSWO within three days of the review with any reports considered by the review. The Form 4 should record any disagreement with the recommendation (whether the child requires secure or not).

- 4.5 On receipt of the above (i.e. Form 4, Appendix 1 and related reports), the CSWO should record their decision on the **Implementation of Secure Authorisation** form. All notification processes should be followed, as laid out in Section 3 of these procedures.

5. REQUESTS FOR REVIEW OF DECISIONS and APPEALS

5.1 Requests for Review of CSWO Decision (*Regulation 7*)

Where the CSWO decides not to implement the Secure Accommodation Authorisation, the child and each Relevant Person in respect of the child may request a review of that decision. On receipt of such a request, the CSWO must review their decision within 72 hours of receiving that request.

The CSWO should follow the same consultation and notification process as required relevant to other sections of this procedure.

5.2 Appeals to Sheriff

The child or Relevant Persons may appeal to the Sheriff with reference to Section 162, Children's Hearings (Scotland) Act 2011. The appeal can be made in respect of the decision of the CSWO to:

- implement a secure accommodation authorisation (*Regulation 12*);
- not to implement a secure accommodation authorisation (*Regulation 13*);
- to remove a child from secure accommodation.

This information is contained in the relevant notifications.

6. CHILD/YOUNG PERSON DETAINED UNDER SECTION 44 OF THE CRIMINAL PROCEDURE (SCOTLAND) ACT 1995

6.1 The main sections relating to the detention of children are Section 44(1) "Detention of Children" and Section 51(1) "Remand & Committal of Children & Young Persons" of the above Act. Section 43 may also apply as the Court may commit a child to the care of a local authority. A child may also be detained with reference to Section 216(7) of the Act in relation to non-payment of fines. These all relate to "Summary" Procedure. The process for those detained when convicted on an "indictable" offence is different.

6.2 Where the Sheriff makes an Order under Section 44(1) or Section 51(1)(a)(ii) the child must not be placed in secure accommodation unless the CSWO is satisfied that:

- placement in secure accommodation would be in the child's best interests
- that the residential establishment is appropriate for the child

and that one or more of these conditions are met:

- a) that the child has previously absconded and is likely to abscond again and, if the child were to abscond, it is likely that the child's physical, mental or moral welfare would be at risk;
- b) that the child is likely to engage in self-harming conduct; or
- c) the child is likely to cause injury to another person.

6.3 The CSWO has a duty to consult and take into account the views of:

- the child;
- each Relevant Person in respect of the child;
- the Head of the Secure Unit.

7. PROCEDURE WHEN PLACING A CHILD/YOUNG PERSON IN SECURE ACCOMMODATION UNDER THE CRIMINAL PROCEDURE (SCOTLAND) ACT 1995

- 7.1 Where the child is subject to the above sections of the Criminal Procedure (Scotland) Act 1995 and placement in secure accommodation is considered by the Social Worker/Lead Professional to be in their interests, they must bring this to the attention of the respective line manager. The Team Leader must ensure that the views of the child, their parents and their Relevant Persons have been obtained if at all possible.

The Social Worker must inform the Team Leader immediately, or as soon as possible, of the Court's decision to authorise placement in secure accommodation. In turn, the Team Leader should advise the CSWO immediately, or as soon as possible.

The Team Leader should send the CSWO the **Secure Authorisation form**, relevant GIRFEC and Court paperwork and any other information they feel the CSWO might require, including the views of the child, each relevant Person and the Head of the Secure Unit.

- 7.2 The Social Worker should check for vacancies in secure units (these are available on: <https://www.sanscotland.org>) then discuss with and inform their Team Leader and seek initial agreement from the identified Head of the Secure Unit that placement in secure accommodation is appropriate.

If the CSWO agrees, with reference to the above criteria and conditions, the CSWO should then request that the Social Worker identify a place at a Secure Unit and consult with the Head of Unit to establish that the Unit can meet the child's needs.

The CSWO should also notify the child by sending **relevant notification** via the Social Worker.

- 7.3 When the child is placed in the secure accommodation the CSWO should notify the Head of Unit by sending **notification N – specific notification of head of unit re this act** and send a copy to the Social Worker.

On receipt of **notification N – specific notification of head of unit re this act** the Social Worker should send copies to:

- the child;
- each Relevant Person in respect of the child;
- Lead Professional (when not the Social Worker);
- Named Person;
- Secure Screening Group Administrator.

The Team Leader will notify the relevant Commissioning and HQ Finance Team Officer.

8. REVIEWS OF CHILDREN/YOUNG PEOPLE PLACED IN SECURE ACCOMMODATION DEALT WITH UNDER THE CRIMINAL PROCEDURE (SCOTLAND) ACT 1995

- 8.1 The requirements with regards review by the CSWO are set out in Regulation 13 the Secure Accommodation (Scotland) Regulations 2013:
- within 7 days of the child's placement in secure accommodation (irrespective of whether the child is still being kept in secure);
 - at such times as appear necessary in the light of the child's progress;
 - at intervals of no less than 3 months.
- 8.2 The review should be arranged at the secure accommodation by the Social Worker and chaired by either the CSWO or a delegated Service Manager.
- 8.3 These reviews must confirm agreement between the CSWO and the Head of the Secure Unit that placement in secure continues to be in the child's best interests and that they have taken into account the views of the child and their Relevant Persons.
- 8.4 Following each review the Chair should send the **Implementation of Secure Authorisation: Decision Following Review** the Child's Plan (Form 4), and the reports considered by the review to the CSWO, within three working days.
- 8.5 On receipt of **Implementation of Secure Authorisation: Decision Following Review** and the Child's Plan which recommend that the child should remain in secure accommodation, the CSWO or their delegate should make a decision as to whether or not they agree with the recommendation and request any additional information they need to make that decision.
- 8.6 Should the CSWO agree that the child should remain in secure accommodation, they should notify the child by sending **relevant notification** via the Social Worker, who should send the notification to the child and copy to:
- the Head of Unit;
 - each Relevant Person in respect of the child;
 - Lead Professional (when not the Social Worker);
 - Named Person;
 - the Secure Screening Group Administrator.
- 8.7 Should the CSWO not agree that the child should remain in secure accommodation, they must immediately contact the Service Manager and Team Leader in order that alternative arrangements can be put in place. The CSWO should then send the **relevant notification** to the child via the Social Worker, who should provide it to the child and a copy to:
- each Relevant Person in respect of the child;
 - Lead Professional (when not the Social Worker);
 - Named Person;
 - The CARM Secure Screening Group Administrator.

The Team Leader will notify the Commissioning team.

9. APPEALS PROCESS: PLACEMENT IN SECURE ACCOMMODATION OF CHILDREN/YOUNG PEOPLE SUBJECT TO SECTION 44 CRIMINAL PROCEDURE (SCOTLAND) ACT 1995

- 9.1 The Secure Accommodation (Scotland) Amendment (No2) Regulations 2015 (Regulation 11A) make provision for appeal against the decision of the CSWO by the child. The appeal must be made to the Sheriff within 21 days of the original determination by the CSWO to place the child in secure accommodation with reference to Regulation 11(2), The Secure Accommodation (Scotland) Regulations 2013.
- 9.2 Such appeals would generally be made by the child's solicitor but the child's right to appeal should be made explicit to them at the initial review which must take place within 7 days of them being placed in secure accommodation.
- 9.3 When considering an appeal, the Sheriff may hear evidence and may request reports from any party – child; Relevant Person; CSWO; Head of the Secure Unit; Principal Reporter. It is therefore important that the Child's Plan is updated timeously, regularly reviewed, and reflects that consultation has taken place with the child, Relevant Persons and the Head of Unit and their views clearly recorded.

10. RELEVANT LINKS AND LEGISLATION RE SECURE CARE IN SCOTLAND

- Secure Care in Scotland – Scottish Government Webpage
<https://www.gov.scot/policies/youth-justice/secure-care/>
- Secure Care in Scotland – Children & Young People’s Centre for Justice (CYCJ)
<https://www.cycj.org.uk/what-we-do/secure-care/#:~:text=Secure%20accommodation%20is%20among%20the,risks%20of%2C%20or%20actual%20significant>
- A Quality Framework for Secure Accommodation Services: For Use in Self-Evaluation, Scrutiny, and Improvement Support. Care Inspectorate. November 2020
<https://www.careinspectorate.com/index.php/news/5876-quality-framework-for-secure-accommodation-services>
- Children’s Hearing (Scotland) Act, 2011 (especially S.83 (6); S.87 (4), S.88 (3) ie. conditions, S.151 (implementation); S.162 (appeals)
<https://www.legislation.gov.uk/asp/2011/1>
- The Secure Accommodation (Scotland) Regulations, 2013.
<https://www.legislation.gov.uk/sdsi/2013/9780111020463>
- The Secure Accommodation (Scotland) Amendment Regulations, 2015
<https://www.legislation.gov.uk/sdsi/2015/9780111025253>
- The Children’s Hearings (Scotland) Act 2011 (Implementation of Secure Accommodation Authorisation) (Scotland) Regulations 2013.
<https://www.legislation.gov.uk/sdsi/2013/9780111020388>
- Good Practice Guidance – The Children’s Hearing (Scotland) Act 2011 (Implementation of Secure Accommodation Authorisation) (Scotland) Regulations 2013. <http://www.gov.scot/Publications/2013/06/9599>
- The Criminal Procedure (Scotland) Act 1995
<https://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/1995/46/contents>

11. Scotland's Secure Care Standards (2020) <https://www.securecarestandards.com/>

BEFORE: This section relates to children who are on the edges of secure care and are experiencing extreme vulnerabilities, needs and risks in their lives.

1. I am fully involved and influence the decisions and plans about my care and support in a way that works for me. These decisions involve the people who are important to me.
2. My needs are met by appropriate supports in the community which are right for me and the people who are important to me. These supports help keep me and others safe and prevent my liberty from being restricted.
3. I am offered specialist support which helps me, and people looking after me, make sense of the difficulties I have experienced. I get the mental and physical health care I need, as and when I need it.
4. The professionals supporting me understand the impact of any trauma and difficulties I have experienced and they respond to my needs and behaviours sensitively.
5. I am involved and influence any discussions about potentially restricting my liberty and any decision to recommend secure care in a way that works for me.
6. I am fully prepared for, and understand, the possible outcomes of any meeting, Children's Hearing or court proceedings.
7. I benefit because the people making decisions about me at any meeting, Children's Hearing or court proceedings fully consider the law and all community based options.
8. I know and feel confident that at any meeting, Children's Hearing or court proceedings my rights, needs, views and any risks of harm for me and others are fully considered.
9. I have access to the legal advice, representation and high quality independent advocacy I need before, during and after any decision making process about restricting my liberty.
10. I understand my rights, including any right to appeal the decision to restrict my liberty.
11. I fully understand the reasons for any decision to restrict my liberty. These reasons and my views are reflected sensitively in my Child's Plan and any records or reports, in a way which helps me understand.
12. I know what my rights are and how these will be upheld during my stay in secure care. These rights are explained to me by someone I know and trust before my stay begins.
13. I know the details of where I will stay and I have access to information which explains daily life there. Every effort is made to enable me to visit before going to stay.
14. I fully understand what to expect of my transport and admission to secure care and I am treated with dignity, compassion, sensitivity and respect. Someone I know and trust comes with me.

DURING: This section relates to children who are currently in secure care. Secure care centres are residential establishments for the purpose of restricting the liberty of children that provide accommodation, care and education for children during their stay. Children may have been placed in secure care through the implementation of orders or warrants via the Children's Hearing System, police powers, or having been remanded or sentenced in court proceedings. Children may also have been placed in secure care from outwith Scotland.

15. I am welcomed at the main entrance unless it is unsafe for me or others. This is based on my individual circumstances and needs.
16. When I arrive, the decoration and style of any entrance and reception area is welcoming and feels safe, comfortable and friendly.
17. I am supported by someone I know on the day of arrival and I feel welcomed and reassured by everyone involved.
18. I have everything I need when I arrive to keep me safe and healthy and so do the people looking after me.
19. I am only ever searched when this is justifiable and necessary to keep me and others safe. It is based on my individual circumstances at that time. The level of search is proportionate and least intrusive as possible.
20. If I have to be searched, I am treated with respect, dignity and compassion at all times. I understand my rights, the reasons for a search and how it will happen. My views are taken into account and I am given choice on how this might happen.
21. I have access to the things I need to safely help me relax and rest in my personal space/bedroom and it is comfortably furnished and decorated.
22. I have on-going access to the legal advice, representation and high quality independent advocacy I need from as soon as possible after I arrive at the service.
23. I am fully involved and have influence in all discussions, including within 72 hours of me arriving, about what I need during my stay and who will help me and how.
24. I know that people care about me and meeting my needs because the way they relate to me shows this.
25. I am actively supported to be in touch with my family, friends and other people who are important to me unless this is not in my best interests. I have a say in how and when this happens.
26. My family, and people I care about, are encouraged and supported to stay connected with me and are treated with dignity, compassion and respect. There is a welcoming, friendly and comfortable environment for us to meet.
27. If my time with my family and others I care about is supported, supervised or restricted, this happens sensitively and I fully understand the reasons for this and these are recorded.
28. My rights to safely access digital technology are upheld and actively supported. This encourages connection with people who are important to me.
29. My physical, mental, emotional and wellbeing needs are understood by the people looking after me. I am involved in all decisions and plans to make sure I have the care and support I need, when I need it.
30. I am well supported to manage my feelings and so I am only ever restrained when this is absolutely necessary to prevent harm. I am treated with respect, dignity and compassion and I am held in the least restrictive way for the shortest time possible. I am well supported afterwards.
31. I get the care, comfort and individual support I need when I am distressed and so I am only ever isolated from other people when this is absolutely necessary to keep me or others safe. This is for the shortest time possible.

- 32. I fully understand the reasons for any decision to further restrict my rights and freedoms. These are proportionate and recorded.
- 33. My learning needs are understood and I am supported to have these needs met and to make the most of my abilities and talents.
- 34. I benefit from a wide range of high quality educational, vocational and community-based experiences and qualifications.
- 35. I am supported and encouraged to attain and achieve at the highest standard and this helps to develop my interests, skills, strengths and hopes for the future.
- 36. I am supported to contribute to and comment on all reports that are written about me in a way that works for me. The person writing the report consults with me and I have my say about all the recommendations and decisions that affect me.
- 37. I am confident that any decisions, reports and plans made and shared about me focus on my hopes, strengths, achievements and goals, as well as on my needs and risks.
- 38. I am fully involved and influence all decisions and plans about my future, in a way that works for me, from an early stage.

AFTER: This section relates to children & young people who are preparing to leave, or who have recently left, secure care.

- 39. I understand my rights when planning for my future and I have access to the legal advice, representation and high quality independent advocacy I need.
- 40. My plans for moving on meet all my needs. They involve everyone who has responsibility to care for and support me.
- 41. I am fully prepared for making the transition from the service and this is taken at a pace which means I am completely ready.
- 42. I am confident that people I know well and have trust in will continue to be involved in supporting me after I leave the service.
- 43. I have as much choice as possible about the place I am moving to and am able to visit. I get to know the people there as they have been involved in planning with me for the move.
- 44. I have all the care and support I need to build the future I want, from everyone who has a role or responsibility, for as long as I need it.