

Information Sheet for Direct Observations (for use with children under the age of 16)

My name is: _____

Today's date: _____

👋 I'm a **student social worker** at Cardiff University. That means I'm training to become a social worker, and part of my training is to work with children, young people, and families — with the right support and permission.

To help me learn and improve, I need someone who is already a qualified social worker to **watch how I do my job** and give me feedback. This is called a **direct observation**.

🔍 What does that mean?

It means a social worker will **watch** me when I'm working with you.

This might happen during a home visit, a meeting, or a video call.

They're not watching you – they're watching **me**, to see how I work and how I talk with you, so they can help me get better at what I do.

🧐 Why am I telling you this?

Because **I'd like to be observed while I'm working with you**.

But it's completely up to you. If you don't want this to happen, that's totally okay.

Saying no won't change anything about the support you get from social workers or from anyone else.

✅ If you say yes:

- You can **change your mind any time**, even during the session.
- Your **name and private details won't be shared** in any of my university work.
- After the visit, the person watching me might **ask you how you felt the session went**. You can say as much or as little as you like — or nothing at all.

📝 What happens now?

If you're happy to go ahead, there's a short form for you (and your parent/carer) to sign.



If you have any questions, you can talk to me, your social worker, or someone from the university:

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Thanks for reading this!