

## Information Sheet for Direct Observations (Parent on Behalf of a Child)

My name is: \_\_\_\_\_

Today's date: \_\_\_\_\_

I am a student on the MA Social Work programme at Cardiff University. As part of my course, I need to complete three assessed placements in social work settings. To pass these placements, I must compile a portfolio of evidence to show how I meet the National Occupational Standards for Social Work and uphold the Code of Professional Practice for Social Care.

### What is a direct observation?

A direct observation is when a qualified social worker watches me as I carry out a piece of work with a person or family. This might include a home visit, a meeting in the office, or a Teams call. The purpose is to provide me with feedback and support my development as a student social worker.

### Why am I sharing this with you?

I would like to be observed while I am working with your child. This is completely your choice. If you decide not to give consent, this will not affect the service you or your child receive from the Local Authority or any organisation in any way.

### If you do agree:

- You can change your mind at any time, before or during the session, without giving a reason.
- Your name and personal details will **not** be included in my portfolio or university work.
- After the session, the person observing me may ask you or your child for feedback about how you felt the session went. You or your child do not have to give feedback if you or they don't want to.

### What happens next?

If you're happy to go ahead, you will be asked to sign a short consent form.

If you have any questions, please ask me or my Practice Educator. You can also contact:

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Thank you for taking the time to consider this.