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|  | | Multi-agency Home Environment Assessment Tool | Family |  | |
|  | | Date |  |  |
| Name(s) and age(s) of children |  | | Announced Visit | Yes  No | Yes  No |
| Parent Involvement: | Yes  Practitioner Only | |
| Practitioner Name |  | | Family member(s) consulted: |  | |
| Job Title/Service |  | |

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| **Blank**- *area not yet assessed*  **Yes** -*strengths evident or question not applicable*  **No**- *some improvements required* | | | | |
| 1. Home Environment: | | Yes | No | Notes |
| 1.1 Safety | Home is warm, well ventilated and pleasant odour |  |  |  |
|  | Home and garden free from rubbish/clutter/ hoarding |  |  |
| Smoke alarms and carbon monoxide alarms present and in working order. |  |  |
| Home in state of good repair *(no exposed wire, trip hazards)* |  |  |
| Medicines, alcohol and hazardous chemicals/items are stored safely |  |  |
| Home is free of exposed needles/ drug paraphernalia |  |  |
| 1.2 Amenities | Adequate home furnishings *(seating, curtains and floor coverings)* |  |  |  |
|  | Services are in place *(water, gas, heating, electricity)* |  |  |
| Adequate cleanliness of toilet and kitchen areas |  |  |
| Essential home appliances in working order *(fridge, washing machine)* |  |  |
| 1.3 Animals | Animals in the home are well cared for and supervised around child/ren. |  |  |  |
|  | Family pet dogs are not considered dangerous *(no history of biting)* |  |  |
| Home free from animal faeces *(pet or vermin)* |  |  |
| 1.4 Sleep | Sleeping arrangements are suitable and safe *(cot available, no overcrowding)* |  |  |  |
|  | Beds and furnishings are clean and in good state of repair. |  |  |
| Bedding is suitable and clean (mattress and bedclothes on children’s bed) |  |  |
| Bedroom doors have no external locks/bolts |  |  |

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| 1. Care of Children | | Yes | No | Notes | |
| 2.1 Youngsters | Age appropriate safety equipment present (stairgates, fireguards) |  |  |  | |
| Evidence of sterilizing equipment/baby milk/nappies. |  |  |
|  | Evidence of age appropriate toys. |  |  |
| Evidence of babies/ young children being offered space and freedom to play. |  |  |
| Evidence of age appropriate supervision (including babysitters ) |  |  |
| 2.2 All children | Child displays happy/sociable/ active behavior appropriate to age |  |  |  | |
|  | Child seen to have clean skin/nails/hair/ clothes. |  |  |
| Head is clear of head lice/other infestation/bald patches |  |  |
| The child has access to a toothbrush and visits a dentist regularly. |  |  |
| Child is a healthy weight |  |  |
| Child appropriately dressed for weather in well-fitting clothes |  |  |
| 2.3 Parents | Parents seen to engage positively with their children |  |  |  | |
|  | Parents responsive to child’s requests for attention/ affection/help. |  |  |
| Parents have realistic expectations of the child |  |  |
| Family budgeting meets child’s needs |  |  |
| Summary of Observations and Impact on Child(ren) | | Views of practitioner and family member | | | |
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| Actions to be Taken | | By Whom | | | By Date |
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