

Case No: [Insert]

In the Family Court
Sitting at [place]

Date of next hearing; [complete]

STATEMENT OF THE APPLICANT / RESPONDENT

I (insert name) of (insert address or state “undisclosed confidential address”) make this statement believing the contents to be true to the best of my knowledge and ability and that this statement will stand as my evidence in these court proceedings.

Signed

Date

The children	
1) Please state the full name date of birth and age of each child	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. (name) born on ... who is ... years old and is my son/daughter (or specify if other relationship)2. (repeat these details for each child involved in the case)
2) Please set out where and with whom each child is living	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. (Name or alternatively “the children”) live with (insert the name, relationship to the child and address if different to the address above).2. (repeat as necessary)
3) Please set out the current arrangements for each child to spend time with the other parent.	
The summary of dispute	
4) Please identify the areas of dispute between you and the other parent.	

5) Please re-read the “safeguarding Letter” from Cafcass and confirm if the contents of the letter are correct to the best of your knowledge.	YES/NO (delete as appropriate)
6) If your answer to the last question is NO, please set out a summary of what you disagree with or is incorrect.	
7) Has Cafcass or a social worker prepared a further (Section 7) report?	YES/NO (delete as appropriate) Insert the date of the report
8) If so, do you accept the recommendations at the end of the report?	YES/NO/PARTLY (delete as appropriate)
9) Are there any relevant facts stated in the report that you disagree with?	YES/NO (delete as appropriate)
10) If so please identify what those facts are	
Courses and mediation	
11) Have you attended the Separated Parents Information Programme (SPIP)?	YES/NO (delete as appropriate)
12) If so, state how this has helped your approach to issues involving the children	

13) Have you attended mediation?	YES/NO (delete as appropriate)
14) If not, would you like to?	YES/NO (delete as appropriate)
Your proposed arrangements	
15) Please set out with whom the children should live	
16) Please set out why your proposed living arrangements will best meet the needs of the child(ren).	
17) Please set out your proposed arrangements for the Child(ren) spending contact time with the other parent or relevant adults. You should include proposed arrangements for holidays and special events.	
18) If you are proposing a build up over time in the amount of time that the child(ren) will spend with the parent with whom they are not living please set out you plan and the time periods from which it will increase	
19) Please set out why the above proposed contact arrangements will best	

meet the needs of the child(ren).	
20) If your proposed arrangements do not include overnight stays, please explain why and how you believe this is in the best interest of the child(ren)	
21) Please set out your proposed arrangements for the collection and the return of the child(ren)	
Further information	
22) The court must make its decision about the child(ren)'s welfare by reference to the welfare checklist under the Children Act (1989). This is set out in the next column. Please provide any additional evidence that you wish to reply on under each heading.	<p><i>(a) the ascertainable wishes and feelings of the child concerned (considered in the light of his age and understanding);</i></p> <p><i>(b) the child's physical, emotional and educational needs;</i></p> <p><i>(c) the likely effect on the child of any change in his circumstances;</i></p> <p><i>(d) the child's age, sex, background and any characteristics of which the court considers relevant;</i></p> <p><i>(e) any harm which the child has suffered or is at risk of suffering;</i></p>

	<p><i>(f) how capable each of the child's parents, and any other person in relation to whom the court considers the question to be relevant, is of meeting the child's needs;</i></p> <p><i>(g) the range of powers available to the court under this Act in the proceedings in question.</i></p>
<p>23) Please list here what documents, if any, you have referred to or been referred to for the purpose of providing the evidence set out in this statement. If the documents have not been previously disclosed you should disclose them when you file and serve this statement.</p>	

Note: Please make sure that a copy of this statement is sent to the court and to all parties, and if a report has been prepared, to the Cafcass officer or Social Worker who wrote it. Please make sure that you keep a copy for yourself and bring it to all Court hearings with you