

## SCHEDULES

### SCHEDULE 3

Regulation 17

Matters to be taken into account when assessing the suitability of P to care for C

1. In respect of P—
  - (a) P's capacity to care for children and in particular in relation to C to—
    - (i) provide for C's physical needs and appropriate medical and dental care,
    - (ii) protect C adequately from harm or danger, including from any person who presents a risk of harm to C,
    - (iii) ensure that the home environment is safe for C,
    - (iv) ensure that C's emotional needs are met and C is provided with a positive sense of self, including any particular needs arising from C's religious persuasion, racial origin and cultural and linguistic background, and any disability C may have,
    - (v) promote C's learning and intellectual development through encouragement, cognitive stimulation and the promotion of educational success and social opportunities,
    - (vi) enable C to regulate C's emotions and behaviour, including by modelling appropriate behaviour and interactions with others, and
    - (vii) provide a stable family environment to enable C to develop and maintain secure attachments to P and other persons who provide care for C,
  - (b) P's state of health including P's physical, emotional and mental health and medical history including any current or past issues of domestic violence, substance misuse or mental health problems,
  - (c) P's family relationships and the composition of P's household, including particulars of—
    - (i) the identity of all other members of the household, including their age and the nature of their relationship with P and with each other, including any sexual relationship,
    - (ii) any relationship with any person who is a parent of C,
    - (iii) other adults not being members of the household who are likely to have regular contact with C, and
    - (iv) any current or previous domestic violence between members of the household, including P,
  - (d) P's family history, including—
    - (i) particulars of P's childhood and upbringing including the strengths and difficulties of P's parents or other persons who cared for P,
    - (ii) P's relationships with P's parents and siblings, and their relationships with each other,
    - (iii) P's educational achievement and any specific learning difficulty or disability,
    - (iv) a chronology of significant life events, and
    - (v) particulars of other relatives and their relationships with C and P,

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- (e) particulars of any criminal offences of which P has been convicted or in respect of which P has been cautioned,
- (f) P's past and present employment and other sources of income, and
- (g) the nature of the neighbourhood in which P's home is situated and resources available in the community to support C and P.

**2.** In respect of members of P's household aged 18 and over, so far as is practicable, all the particulars specified in paragraph 1 except sub-paragraphs (d), (f) and (g).