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| **All WEP documents should have an adoption alert attached** |

# Welsh Early Permanence Delegated Authority Agreement

**Where an interim care order or care order has been made**

This agreement sets out how the local authority ***(name of local authority)*** with parental responsibility for **(*name of child)*** intends to delegate that parental responsibility to ***(first name only of WEP carers).***

***(Name of local authority)*** has acquired parental responsibility through the court granting an interim care order or care order. They share this PR with ***(name of child’s parents)***and will use it in order to safeguard and promote (***name of child’s)*** welfare.

***(First name/s only of WEP carers)*** do not have parental responsibility but as foster carers will act as agents for the local authority in the exercise of that parental responsibility, as set out in the table below.

Any decision that is not delegated to **(first *name/s of WEP carers)***in the table will be made by the (***name of local authority****,* in consultation with **(*name of parents)****.*

* Where there is a reference to the local authority making a decision, that will usually be the child’s social worker, in consultation with senior managers if necessary.
* The agreement does not cover contact arrangements which will be detailed in a separate agreement.
* This agreement will be finalised and signed at the child’s placement planning meeting and ratified by the IRO at the first review. It will be considered at each review and amended if necessary.

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| **Task** | **Who has authority** | **Detail** |
| **HEALTH** | | |
| Emergency medical treatment  Including anaesthesia where there is not time to seek Head of Service consent | WEP carer | The WEPcarer should be able to identify themselves as a foster carer with delegated authority to any treating medical practitioner in an emergency. If possible, the WEP carer should inform the LA (either the child’s social worker or team in office hours or EDT out of hours in advance of the proposed treatment. If this is not possible, the LA should be informed as soon as possible afterwards |
| Planned medical procedure to be carried out at GP practice or hospital | Local authority (head of service if anaesthesia) | This will require the LA, having consulted parents, to make the decision. Where anaesthesia is required, the head of service will give consent |
| Routine appointments / check-ups  (e.g. paediatric). This will include immunisations. | WEP carer | Please refer to Parental Consent to Medical Treatment / Interventions and Health Assessments on Placement Plan for details of any immunisations parents have indicated they do not wish child to have |
| Medical procedure to be carried out in the foster home | WEP carer | The WEP carer may undertake the procedure only after the completion of training by a medical practitioner |
| Referral to other health services by GP (eg ENT, occupational therapy) except for referral to CAMHS | WEP carer | The WEP carer will inform the local authority as soon as the referral is made. A referral to CAMHs requires local authority consent |
| **DENTAL TREATMENT** | | |
| Emergency treatment | WEP carer (with provisos as above) |  |
| If planned and requiring anaesthetic | Local authority (head of service) |  |
| If planned and no anaesthesia | Local authority |  |
| Routine check-up / cleaning | WEP carer |  |
| **OPTICIAN** | | |
| **Names** | WEP carer |  |
| Change of surname | With permission of the court only |  |
| Change of first name | With permission of the court only or local authority in exceptional circumstances |  |
| **Holidays** |  |  |
| Passport application | Local authority | Only someone with PR may apply for a passport |
| Holidays outside to British Islands | Local authority | Only someone with PR may authorise the child’s removal from the jurisdiction. Contact arrangements with parents need consideration when planning holidays |
| Holidays within the British Islands | Local authority / WEP carer | Depending on the anticipated time to be spent away from home – an overnight / weekend stay may not require LA consent. Anything over that may well affect contact arrangements with parents and family and so will require liaison with LA |
| **Haircuts** | WEP carer unless specifically detailed otherwise. Wishes and feelings of the parents and sensitivity to any cultural / religious beliefs to be taken into consideration |  |
| **CHILD CARE** | | |
| Use of child minder | Local authority |  |
| Nursery provision | Local authority |  |
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| School | Local authority |  |
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| Occasional baby sitting | WEP carer | This to be discussed with the local authority (child’s social worker) and adoption worker in terms of providing support to the placement |
| Respite / short break care | Local authority | This to be discussed as part of the support offered to the placement, taking into account the nature of the placement |