

The Great LAC Review Quiz



1. Who can be an IRO?
 - Qualified social worker
 - Min. 5 years experience including some management experience
 - Able to challenge senior managers
 - Independent
 - ie not already involved in yp case
 - doesn't manage anyone who is
 - no budget responsibility
2. When should an IRO be appointed?
 - When first come into care, before first review (20 working days)
 - Same IRO for whole time in care and for sibling groups
3. What is the purpose of the LAC Review?
 - To ensure the Care Plan still meets young person's needs
 - To consider any significant changes to the plan
 - To ensure the plan is implemented
 - To involve young person (& parents) in planning
4. What are the timescales for reviews?
 - Within 20 days of entry into care
 - After 3 months
 - Then at least every 6 months
5. Who should be at the review?
 - IRO (chair)
 - Social worker
 - Young person
 - Foster carer/residential care worker
 - Parents and/or others with parental responsibility (PR) (young person can request separate meetings if concerned)
 - Advocate (if required by young person)
 - Interpreter (if required by young person)
 - Others may attend for all or part of meeting or provide written reports:
 - teacher/TA/education key staff member
 - health visitor/doctor or other health professional
 - mental health professional
 - independent visitor
 - personal adviser (PA)
 - youth worker/mentor
 - other as requested by young person
6. What must be on the review agenda?
 - Legal status
 - Placement
 - Health
 - Education
 - Contact
 - Plans for the future (including Pathway Plan for careleavers)



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- Young person's view of support from social worker
 - Young person's activities and interests
 - Progress of decisions made at last review.
7. What is the role of the IRO ?
- Chairs the review
 - Must meet the young person in private beforehand
 - Ensures young person views and wishes are listened to
 - Protects young person's best interests
 - Holds local authority (as corporate parent) to account
 - Monitors Care Plan
8. What events MUST trigger a review?
- Proposal to leave care before age 18
 - Proposed move to independent or semi-independent living
 - Before discharge from secure accommodation
 - Before unplanned move that will affect education
 - Proposed move from settled accommodation
 - Before move when in Key Stage 4
 - When SW or other LA representative says placement no longer appropriate
 - IRO requests it
9. What else MUST social workers tell IROs, which MAY trigger a review?
- Unexpected changes to care plan (e.g. by court)
 - Change of social worker
 - Change to contact arrangements or to family
 - Unexpected change to placement
 - If young person is excluded, runs away or commits an offence
 - Any child protection issues
 - Any serious illness or accident
 - Complaints by young person or family
 - Young person requests a review
 - Other significant events
10. What MUST the IRO do to support young people's participation?
- Ensure young person has written information about advocacy support
 - Ensure young people with complex communication needs have access to specialist/independent advocate
 - Meet young person in private before the review
 - Ensure young person is properly prepared for the review (should adjourn if not)
 - Ensure child's views are conveyed at the meeting and that the LA takes them into account
 - Consult young person about whether there should be a review, if any significant changes to Care Plan
 - Inform young people of their rights to an advocate, to complain, and to legal representation (to discharge care orders and Section 8 orders)

