

# Framework for recording the condition of a home

# APPENDIX 1

<b>Date:</b>		<b>Name of worker:</b>		<b>Signed:</b>	
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	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Level 4
<b>Living area/room</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Walls well decorated in good condition.</li> <li>Carpeted or otherwise covered floor (such as vinyl or wood). Suitable for age of children in the home.</li> <li>Warm with adequate heating source, clean.</li> <li>Evidence of toys appropriate for age of children.</li> <li>Child safety features apparent.</li> <li>Adequate lighting and ventilation.</li> <li>Blinds/curtains for the windows.</li> <li>If animals in the house, no apparent smell of animals, no dog/cat hair, no sign of animal food or litter trays.</li> <li>Adequate space for child play depending on the age.</li> <li>Dining table and chairs for eating.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Old decoration but in reasonable condition.</li> <li>Adequate floor covering for age of children.</li> <li>Warm with adequate heating source.</li> <li>Cluttered with varying pieces of furniture, or furniture may be scarce.</li> <li>Table available for family eating and play.</li> <li>Alternately a small sized table is available for child/ren.</li> <li>Clean washing or ironing on the chairs and/or tables.</li> <li>Child safety features apparent. Lack of order and some visible dust.</li> <li>If animals present, some animal hairs but no animal food or litter trays apparent.</li> <li>Some animal smell apparent e.g. 'wet dog'</li> <li>Cleaning equipment available.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Inadequate floor covering e.g. broken/ non existent carpeting.</li> <li>Some peeling paper/ paint on walls.</li> <li>Old furniture which may be sparse.</li> <li>No available table for the child/ren.</li> <li>Few apparent safety features.</li> <li>Heating is variable/house feels cold at times.</li> <li>Few toys or toys unsuitable for age of the child/ren.</li> <li>Evidence of animal hairs on furniture &amp; floor.</li> <li>Animal food and /or litter tray I the room.</li> <li>Some dirty clothes on the floor or surfaces.</li> <li>Disordered.</li> <li>Smells stale or smells of animals.</li> <li>Evidence of stale food.</li> <li>Many animals in the house with equipment such as cages, food stuff, bedding etc.</li> </ul>	<p>As Level 3 and/or</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Damaged cupboards and/or furniture.</li> <li>Animal excrement on floors.</li> <li>Stale or mouldy food evident on floors and/or surfaces.</li> <li>Broken chairs, broken/ missing doors, furniture too limited for all family to sit in the room.</li> <li>No table or other surface for eating.</li> <li>No/few/inappropriate toys for age of child toys, limited space for play as needed for age of the child.</li> <li>Curtains rarely opened, stale smell of animals and humans, possibly including smell of urine from bedrooms or bathroom.</li> <li>Animals and their needs dominate the household.</li> </ul>
<b>Kitchen</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Well decorated and well ordered.</li> <li>Adequate cupboards in good condition.</li> <li>Clean sink, floors and surfaces.</li> <li>Fridge is clean.</li> <li>All food is in date, stored appropriately and suitable for the age of the children.</li> <li>Waste bins are clean and not over filled.</li> <li>Formula milk is stored appropriately.</li> <li>Animal feed bowls and litter trays are clean and do not smell.</li> <li>Bottle sterilising equipment is clean and visible where needed</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Decoration is old but of adequate condition.</li> <li>Surfaces and sink are cluttered but plates, and pans are clean or about to be washed.</li> <li>Surfaces have some fresh stains or food remains but are generally clean.</li> <li>The sink and floor have some stains.</li> <li>The fridge is clean and food is suitable for the age of the children and stored appropriately.</li> <li>Cupboards are old with some broken hinges but serviceable.</li> <li>Formula milk is stored appropriately.</li> <li>Rubbish bins are full and smell stale.</li> <li>Animal feed bowls and litter trays are stale and there is some smell to them.</li> <li>Sterilising equipment is clean and visible where needed.</li> <li>There is a working washing machine and</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Decoration is old and in need of repair, with peeling paper or flaking paint.</li> <li>Cupboards are in poor repair with damage to doors or missing doors.</li> <li>There is little evidence of food preparation; used formula milk bottles are to be seen unwashed and unemptied.</li> <li>Animal feed bowls &amp; litter trays are stale/smell.</li> <li>Rubbish bins and animal litter trays are overflowing, with an obvious stale smell.</li> <li>Surfaces are cluttered and have old as well as fresh stains and spillage on them.</li> <li>The sink is dirty and cluttered.</li> <li>There is little evidence of food and limited availability of food suitable for the child/ren.</li> <li>The fridge is dirty.</li> <li>Where needed, sterilising equipment is dirty or non existent or the parent is seen using it inappropriately e.g. without washing hands after changing the baby's nappy.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The kitchen is in very poor repair with inadequate cooking facilities</li> <li>The fridge has visible dirt/mould or doesn't work.</li> <li>Windows/doors may be broken</li> <li>There is no sign of food for the children.</li> <li>The cupboards are broken.</li> <li>There is a pungent smell of old rubbish and/or animal food and excreta and the floor is dirty stained with mud and other matter.</li> <li>There is animal excrement in the litter trays/on the floor.</li> <li>Decaying/stale/mouldy food is visible on the surfaces</li> <li>Surfaces are stained.</li> <li>Surfaces are covered by other matter such as papers and/r equipment e.g. working tools or machinery.</li> <li>The washing machine is broken.</li> </ul>



	<b>Level 1</b>	<b>Level 2</b>	<b>Level 3</b>	<b>Level 4</b>
<b>Garden</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The garden is well maintained with garden equipment/ products safely stored.</li> <li>• Ponds and water butts are covered, and child safety features are apparent.</li> <li>• If animals are present there is no sign of animal excreta.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The garden is somewhat untidy; there may be motor bikes/ cars under maintenance but there is evidence of child safety features as in Grade 1.</li> <li>• There are places for children to play.</li> <li>• Animals are present and there is evidence of animal faeces but this is cleaned away promptly.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The garden is overgrown.</li> <li>• Cars and/or other mechanical equipment are present in various states of repair.</li> <li>• There may be furniture in the garden such as sofas/armchairs.</li> <li>• Broken glass or other hazards are evident.</li> <li>• There is some play space for the children.</li> <li>• Several animals are evident as in Grade 2.</li> <li>• There are few child safety features.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The hazards as described in level 3 or the family have not responded to advice to improve the situation.</li> <li>• Garden completely overgrown and difficult to access.</li> <li>• Old, broken animal cages/ evidence of animal faeces on grass or paths</li> <li>• Animals dominate the household.</li> <li>• Broken glass or other hazards accessible to children.</li> <li>• Access to the house is limited.</li> <li>• Doors to the house are difficult to open or broken.</li> <li>• There is no space for the children to play</li> <li>• There are no child safety features.</li> </ul>

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