

## Documenting Consent: A Checklist

1. Who has parental responsibility for this child?
2. Is the child over the age of 16?
3. Is the child 'Gillick Competent' to make decisions?
4. What are the wishes and feelings of the child about giving their own consent to therapy?
5. Is the consent of a person (or persons) with parental responsibility for the child legally required in this case?
6. Is it practical and possible to contact all those with parental responsibility for the child?
7. What are the wishes and feelings of the child about confidentiality and consulting with / informing those with parental responsibility about their therapy?
8. Is there any risk of harm to the child – and if so, what is the nature, seriousness and immediacy of that risk?
9. Does anyone with parental responsibility present or contribute to any form of risk to the welfare of the child?
10. If any specified person with parental responsibility for the child is informed about the child's therapy, is this likely to create or add to any form of risk to the child's well-being?
11. What does the welfare of the child require – what is in the best interests of the child?

Refer to:

Department of Health's Information Sharing: guidance for practitioners and managers 2008

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Mental Health Act 1983 Code of Practice (DoH 2015) Chapter 19 at page 167.

Government

website:

<https://www.gov.uk/parental-rights-responsibilities/who-has-parental-responsibility>

DfE (2015) Working Together to Safeguard Children: A guide to inter-agency working

to safeguard and promote the welfare of children. <http://www.education.gov.uk> and from TSO



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