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Wherever possible, and if the agency considers it appropriate, this record should be completed by the birth mother, in her own words. It may be used as an important source of information for the agency in making its decisions and, when and where appropriate, for the child and the adoptive parents/permanent carers in understanding the child's background.

It is important that the birth mother and father understand the importance of these questions and the reasons why they are being asked. The forms should be used wherever possible within the context of a counselling interview(s).

These forms could be revisited and updated at later points in the permanence planning process, if the birth parents have been helped to make further contributions or changed their views.

The information gathered from the birth mother's and birth father's forms should then be included in the main report and a copy of the forms placed on the child's adoption/permanence file.

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VIEWS OF THE BIRTH MOTHER ON THE CAPR

Your name:		
The name of your child:		
I have been shown the details about me as recorded in my child's adoption and permanence report	YES/NO	
I agree with what has been written	YES/NO	
I would like to add the following information		
I disagree with what has been written in my child's adoption and permanence report for the following reasons		
<i>(Any additional comments should be recorded separately and signed and dated)</i>		
I have been given written information about the adoption/permanence process	YES/NO	
I have been offered/had independent counselling to support me in understanding why adoption/permanence is the local authority's preferred plan for my child	YES/NO	
<i>You may want to seek advice and support from somebody who is experienced in adoption/permanence matters and who can help you with this. It is also important for you to understand that, whilst the agency must take into account your wishes or feelings, the agency and the adoptive parents/permanent carers cannot be required to follow them.</i>		

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What things would you like your child(ren) and the adopters/permanent carers to know about your childhood and the way that it has influenced you? In time, it will be very important for your child to have a better understanding of your life. This will be easier if she or he has a picture of both the good things and the difficult experiences you may have had whilst growing up.

Do you have any wishes or feelings about your child(ren) in relation to the plan to place them for adoption/permanence?

Do you have any wishes or feelings about your child(ren) in relation to their future religious or cultural upbringing?

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Are there any other comments you would like to make about the way in which you would like your child(ren) to be brought up in their adoptive/permanent family?	
Signature:	
Date:	