

THE VICTORIA CLIMBIE INQUIRY

RECOMMENDATION 12. Front-line staff in each of the agencies which regularly come into contact with families with children must ensure that in each new contact, basic information about the child is recorded. This must include the child's name, address, age, the name of the child's primary carer, the child's GP and the name of the child's school if the child is of school age. Gaps in this information should be passed on to the relevant authority in accordance with local arrangements (paragraph 17.97)

The inquiry made into the death of Victoria Climbie (a little girl killed by her great-aunt and her boyfriend when living in London) and the circumstances surrounding it, etc., resulted in a report being issued with many recommendations affecting procedures at GP surgeries regarding the way in which we deal with new patients.

This form needs to be completed by or for all new patients under the age of 17 years.

Please tick if your child was born before 1st December 2003

Legal Responsibility is defined as:

- *If the parents are married prior to the birth of the child – both have equal legal responsibility*
- *If the parents are not married prior to the birth, but marry afterwards – both have equal legal responsibility*
- *If the parents are not married – only the mother has legal responsibility*

Please tick if your child was born after 1st December 2003

With effect from 1st December 2003, under section iii of the Adoptions and Children Act 2002 if a man's name (whether married or not) is on the birth certificate he will automatically have Parental Responsibility. If at a later date he disputes paternity in order to relinquish parental responsibility he will have to undergo DNA Testing.

We must record the child's new school and also where appropriate their previous school (for 5 year olds+)

We also need to know the main carer.

<i>Name of Child</i>	
<i>Date of Birth of Child</i>	
<i>School Attended</i>	
<i>Previous School Attended</i>	
<i>Name of Person with Legal Responsibility</i>	
<i>Main Carer and Relationship to Child</i>	

Thank you for your co-operation