

## A child's rights based approach

### Key principles:

**Article 3: Best interests of the child**

**Article 12: Participation**

**Article 19/20/21 Protection from violence**

**Article 24: Health**

**Article 37; Detention and punishment**

**Article 42: Knowledge of rights**

### Checklist

Have I asked the child what they want?	
YES  They want:	NO  If no, ask them.
Is what the child wants in their best interests?	
YES	NO  Why not?
Have I prioritised the child's wishes and feelings?	
YES	NO  If no, why not?
Have I considered the child's welfare?	
YES	NO

	If no, why not
Is the child at risk of harm?	
Yes  Reasons	No
Does the child understand what I have said?	
Yes	No  If no, how can I enable them to understand?
Does the child agree with decisions made?	
Yes	No  How can I bring them on board?
Have I met my obligations?	
Yes	No  Can I defend my decisions?

