Children's Court of New South Wales

Practice Note 14

Standardised care orders

Issued 30 March 2021

1. Commencement

1.1 This Practice Note commences on 3 May 2021.

2. Application

2.1 This Practice Note applies to all minute of orders in the Children's Court's (the Court) care and protection jurisdiction.

3. Standardised care orders

- **3.1** A set of standard care and protection orders has been published on the Court's website with a view to improving readability, consistency, administrative efficiency and to facilitate the future electronic transmission of court orders.
- **3.2** Where the Court has published standardised wording for an order pursuant to the *Children and Young Persons (Care and Protection) Act 1998* (the Care Act), the proposed minute of care order must comply with the wording approved by the Court.
- **3.3** The Court will decline to make orders pursuant to any proposed minute of care order that does not comply with the standardised wording of orders approved by the Court.
- **3.4** In the event that there is no standardised wording for an order sought under the Care Act, the legal practitioner is encouraged to draft the minute of care order in accordance with plain language principles.

4. Changes to standardised care orders

- **4.1** Any changes to the wording of standardised care orders will be published on the Children's Court website.
- **4.2** It is the responsibility of the legal practitioner to be kept informed of any changes to the wording of care orders approved by the Court.

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His Honour Judge Peter Johnstone **President, Children's Court of NSW** Date: 30 March 2021