

# Best interests template

This template/checklist offers a non-exhaustive and non-hierarchical list of best interests of the child (BIC) elements and related safeguards in international protection. However, utilising a checklist cannot serve to reduce genuine concern over the well-being of the child to a simple one-time check, rather than a continuous process.

This template/checklist should be adjusted to the national procedures and used as evidence in the child's file that primary consideration has been given to the BIC. This is an ongoing process and so the template can be a living document, used by any officer working within the asylum process, documenting how the BIC are continuously taken as a primary consideration.

If any of the safeguards has not been put in place or the necessary information has not been collected, it should be indicated, describing the reasons why it has not been possible to do so. This template/ checklist is intended as guidance to help ensure that the key information has been collected and documented, and that the safeguards are in place.

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