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IDENTIFICATION OF NEAREST RELATIVE

Quick route to the nearest relative – example of documentation:

(1) Insert brief details of any of the following, who are ordinarily resident in the UK, Channel Islands or Isle of Man (assuming that the patient is ordinarily so resident. If they are not, the nearest relative may be someone who is similarly, not resident in the UK, Channel Islands or Isle of Man). Especially ensure that anyone who qualifies for the list below, and who is living with or caring for the patient, is included.

Relationship Where there is more than one person in a category underline the eldest	Name & contact address or telephone number	One tick for each person in category	Tick if 18 or over	Tick if living with or caring ** for patient at point of assessment or at time of admission to hospital/guardianship
Husband or wife* May include someone who has lived as if husband or wife for the last 6 months				
Son or daughter				
Father or mother				
Brother or sister				
Grandparent				
Grandchild				
Uncle or aunt				
Nephew or niece				
5 year rule i.e. any person with whom the patient has ordinarily resided for 5 years or more				

In compiling the list, include half-blood relationships, treat illegitimate children as the legitimate children of their mothers, and do not include in law relationships.

* unless permanently separated by agreement or court order, where one parent has deserted the other.

** 'caring for' is a matter of judgement but probably means something like going in on a daily basis to shop, cook etc. for the patient.

(2) If only one person is ticked in the final two columns then they are the nearest relatives.

(3) Ranking in order of priority. If more than one person is ticked as above under (2) then rank only those who were included. If more than one person is ticked then the ranking applies to everyone on the list. The person highest in the list is the nearest relative. If there is more than one person in the same category their whole blood relatives are preferred to half-blood and elder is preferred to younger.

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Please outline here how you have determined who is the Nearest Relative (for example, what relatives are there in this country, what are their ages, who lives with the client, who provides care, who has been consulted before, etc). If you are unable to determine who is Nearest Relative at the time of completing the application, please complete another copy of this form when you have established if there is one and forward it to the ward where the patient is detained.