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WELFARE CHECKLIST

These are the factors that the court will take into account when deciding cases relating to children and these are as follows: -

- The ascertainable wishes and feelings of the child concerned (considered in the light of their age and understanding)
- Their physical, emotional and educational needs
- The likely affect on the child of any change in their circumstances
- Their age, sex, background and any characteristics of them which the court considers relevant
- Any harm which they have suffered or are at risk of suffering
- How capable are the parents, and any other person in relation to whom the court considers the question to be relevant, is of meeting their needs
- The range of powers available to the court under this act in the proceedings in question