

Romantic Partners Clause – Supervised Contact Arrangements

1. Child-Focused Purpose

The parties acknowledge that, within a supervised contact framework, stability, predictability, and emotional safety are essential for the child/children. This clause is intended solely to minimise confusion, pressure, or divided loyalties during the re-establishment or maintenance of relationships.

2. No Introduction During Supervised Visits (Without Agreement)

A parent will not introduce a new romantic partner to the child/children during supervised contact sessions unless both parents agree in writing and the Contact Service has been notified in advance and confirms the introduction is appropriate within the supervised setting.

3. Contact Service Authority

Supervising staff retain discretion to decline attendance of a new partner at a visit if it may disrupt the child/children's emotional safety, routine, or supervision objectives, and may require a planned, gradual introduction process if considered appropriate.

4. Timing of Any Introduction Outside the Service

Neither parent will introduce a new partner to the child/children outside the supervised environment until the relationship has been established for at least three (3) months and supervised contact has demonstrated consistency and stability over time.

5. Gradual Introduction Process (If Approved)

If an introduction is agreed to, the first meeting will occur in a brief, child-appropriate setting. The partner will be presented as a friend initially, allowing the child to adjust at their own pace.

6. Role Boundaries of New Partners

New partners must not participate in supervision sessions as a support person unless approved by the service, assume a caregiving or disciplinary role, question the child about family matters, or be referred to by parental titles.

7. No Overnight or Unsupervised Exposure

While contact remains supervised, the child/children will not spend overnight time in the presence of a new partner.

8. Respect for the Therapeutic Nature of Supervision

Both parents acknowledge that supervised contact is designed to support rebuilding trust and attachment, reducing emotional risk to the child, and maintaining clear relational boundaries.

9. Communication and Transparency

If a relationship becomes significant, the parent will notify the other parent in writing for transparency and planning, not consent.

10. Review Upon Change of Contact Arrangements

This clause will be reviewed if supervision ceases, reduces, or transitions to unsupervised time, to ensure it remains appropriate to the child's developmental needs.

This clause is intended to support the best interests of the child/children and is not designed to interfere with either parent's private life.