

Question 6.a.

MINOR PROTECTION (ALTERNATIVE CARE) – Cap. 602 Laws of Malta

Social contract on the responsibility of parents.

12(3) The Director (Child Protection) may agree to those terms and conditions as he may think fit and, in particular, the Director (Child Protection) may agree to terms and conditions on

(f) the provision of support and therapeutic interventions for the minor

Protection Orders for Minors

19 (1) those cases in which the Director (Child Protection) acts for the issuing of a protection order for a minor, the Court may authorise any one or more of the following orders:

(a ii) a correctional care order when the minor exhibits very challenging behaviour that is or has been harmful to self or others or is in need of protection and control which the minor is unlikely to receive otherwise.

Provided that when the minor's need for protection and control necessitates that the minor's freedom of movement is restricted, the Court shall review the circumstances and progress of the minor at least once a month, shall hear the professionals working with the minor and, or review their report, and may vary the conditions imposed as it deems appropriate.

Therapeutic and Secure Centre (not yet in force)

26.*(1) There shall be established a Therapeutic and Secure Centre within that entity mentioned by the Minister by notice in the Gazette, having the purpose of holding minors with serious behavioural difficulties in a safe and adequate place so that they be given the required therapy and assistance in order to return to society and participate in it in an appropriate manner.