

# Risk Assessment Tool

Use this tool as required at each stage of the Safeguarding process as indicated in the procedure. Fill in each part as appropriate.

## The Alleged Victim's Details

<b>Pin Number:</b> Name:  Address:  Post Code: Telephone number:
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### Part A

#### Current position

What are the concerns or allegations that prompted this risk assessment?
Example: The nature of potential abuse (presenting abuse and other related abuse).

If known, what is the immediate impact on the vulnerable adult?
Example: Physical, psychological, environmental/social, financial and/or other factors.

What are the views and the wishes of the vulnerable adult in relation to the (potential) safeguarding issue?
Example: Wants the alleged abuse to stop, unwilling to make a formal complaint to police, maintain alleged relationship with alleged abuser, family or significant others.

Does the vulnerable adult have capacity to consent to the safeguarding process and make informed decisions about the risks they are potentially being subject to?
Example: Factual information based on a decision specific capacity assessment in relation to safeguarding consent and risk decisions. Speculative views on what might influence the vulnerable adult's capacity to make decisions in relation to the safeguarding issues.

Who is the alleged perpetrator (if known) and who is involved in the risk events?

Example: Identity of alleged perpetrator, relationship to the vulnerable adult

If known, where does this / do these potential concerns occur?

Example: Vulnerable person's home, outside in the community or in a care setting. (try and be as specific as possible)

## Part B Triggers

What particular triggers or risky circumstances heighten the risk?

Example: If home carer is late, if relative makes contact / does not make contact, receipt of benefit payment, or contact with specific person / staff member.

What factors in relation to the vulnerability to the person contribute to the overall risk?

Example: Impairment, social isolation, fluctuating capacity.

What protective factors or circumstances could reduce the risk or have reduced the risk in the past?

Example: Changes in the vulnerable adult's ability to manage these risks, family members or significant others present, during provision of services or support.

## Part C Consequences

What would be the potential harmful outcomes / consequences to the vulnerable adult of non

intervention?
1. <i>Physical / sexual</i>
Example: A death, injury, continued violence / aggressive behaviour, continued sexual exploitation, sexual ill health, pregnancy, progressive illness.
2. <i>Psychological</i>
Example: Emotional distress, mental ill health, increased alcohol / drug use, suicidal intent, self harm, self neglect, post-traumatic stress disorder, lack of self esteem.
3. <i>Financial</i>
Example: Theft, poverty, inability to pay bills, malnutrition, hyperthermia, loss of home.
4. <i>Other environmental factors</i>
Example: Reduced social functioning, isolation, risk to others / adults and children, loss of employment, homelessness, harassment, exploitation (racial / sexual / ageist / homophobic abuse) and neglect.

What would be the potential beneficial consequences to the vulnerable adult of non intervention?
Example: Maintaining a relationship with the alleged abuser.

**Part D**  
**Likelihood**

If known, when does this / do these potential abuse concerns occur and how often?
Example: Evenings, weekends, everyday, meal times etc. Rarely, frequently, occasionally

How likely are these harmful outcomes / consequences to occur?
Consider: data, past history, motivation to succeed, attitude to risk taking, success so far,

sustainability of carer's role, reports and opinions of others.

## Part E Likelihood of Future Harm Guide

Identify the likelihood of future harm occurring. Please circle the relevant likelihood category.

Likelihood Categories	Description
Unlikely to happen.	No evidence of harm and abuse reoccurring. No indicators present.
Likelihood reduced and very slight chance of it happening again.	Unlikely. No evidence of serious harm but indicators present to suggest possible reoccurrence.
It can be predicted to happen again.	Likely to reoccur unless significant changes are made. Evidence of harm reoccurring and / or number of indicators suggests harm.
It will happen again.	Very likely. Evidence of serious harm occurring, indicators suggest high risk of reoccurrence unless significant changes are made.

## Part F Protection Plan

As a result of this risk assessment do you think a protection plan is required? Please circle the answer.

Yes

No

Will the vulnerable adult accept a protection plan? Please circle the answer.

Yes

No

How could a protection plan minimize risk in this situation?

Example: Increased family support, increased care package, care package changes, involvement of other agencies

Space below is for signatures of the social worker and social work manager. Signature indicates that the worker / manager is informed of and understands the risk assessment.

**Practitioner**.....

Date Completed.....

**Manager** .....

Date.....