

LOOKED AFTER CHILDREN RISK ASSESSMENT MATRIX

CHILD NAME		D.O.B.	
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Section 1

If the answer to any of the questions in Section 1 is 'Yes', the initial risk assessment is HIGH and an immediate response is required

Factor	No	Yes	Details
Is there any information that the child is likely to harm themselves or attempt suicide?			
Is there any information to suggest the missing child intends to harm others?			
Is the child suspected to be subject of crime? e.g., abduction, threats, blackmail			
Is their reason to believe that the child has been removed or encouraged to leave by another because of domestic circumstances or cultural reasons?			
Is this behaviour out of character AND does it cause belief that the child may be at increased risk of harm?			
Is the child diagnosed with any illness or condition that significantly impacts on their capacity or decision making?			
Is the child unfamiliar with the local environment to the extent that this would place them at significant risk?			
Does the missing child need essential medication in the short term?			
Are there inclement weather conditions that would seriously increase risk to health, especially where the missing child is very young / not appropriately dressed etc?			

Notes:

Section 2

If the answer to two or more of the following criteria are YES the child is likely to be at Low or Medium risk and should be reported as missing. If the answer to the following criteria is NO to all or all but one then it may be that the child does not require to be reported to police until further enquiry has been conducted. (Subject to review)

Factor	No	Yes	Details
Does the child have a recorded history of being exposed to harm whilst reported missing?			
Do the circumstances suggest that the child is at risk of sexual exploitation?			
Has the child been exposed to harm due to over consumption of drugs / alcohol			
Has the child been out of contact for a significant period?			
If contact has been made with the child did they sound significantly impaired or distressed?			
Has the child failed to make contact with friends / associates that would give cause for concern?			
Does the person require medication that is not immediately required but will impact if denied access to same over a longer period? (please specify timescale if Yes)			
Incident Reported to Police			Rationale:
Notes:			

REVIEW PROCESS

The measures of risk are subject to constant change and the risk assessment process must be reviewed regularly by a designated member of staff and in any case on receipt of new information. The timescales for review should be based on the circumstances and available information. Timescales for review may be dictated by, for example, prevailing weather conditions, time of day or increasing risk due to medication not being administered. Risk may be either heightened or lowered depending upon the circumstances available, however it may be the case that nothing has altered in the material circumstance, in which case the Risk Level will remain static. This process will continue until the welfare of the person has been confirmed.