

NHS RISK ASSESSMENT MATRIX

PATIENTS NAME		D.O.B.	
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Section 1

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

Factor	No	Yes	Details
Is there any information that the person is likely to harm themselves or attempt suicide?			
Is there any information to suggest the missing patient intends to harm others?			
Is the person suspected to be subject of crime? e.g., abduction, threats, blackmail			
Is there reason to believe that the person 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 patient may be at increased risk of harm?			
Is the person under 16 or, if between 16 and 18, vulnerable due to other factors?			
Is it likely the missing person would be a significant risk to themselves due to their vulnerability in an unknown environment?			
Does the missing person need essential medication or treatment not readily available to them?			
Are there inclement weather conditions that would seriously increase risk to health, especially where the missing person is a child or elderly person?			

Notes:

Section 2

If the answer to two or more of the following criteria are YES the Patient risk must be classed as Medium, otherwise the Patient should be classified as Low Risk (Subject to review)

Factor	No	Yes	Details
Has the person previously gone missing AND suffered or was exposed to harm because of this?			
Are there contributory factors relating to the persons social circumstances?			Family / Relationships / Housing / Employment / Finances School / College / University
Is the person suffering from drug or alcohol dependency?			
Is the person assumed to be alone?			
Is the person unfamiliar with the area?			
Is the patient the subject of any warning markers?			
Is the Patient subject to any life critical medication?			
Notes:			

REVIEW PROCESS

The measures of risk are subject to constant change and the risk assessment process must be reviewed regularly and at a minimum prior to shift handover to reflect on any new and emerging threats to the patient's safety. 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.

The process of regular reviews must be continued until directed otherwise by the Executive on call or equivalent.