



Planned Placement Specific Risk Assessment
To compliment referral stage 1

This document must always be completed jointly with the carer, the child, the local authority social worker, by the admitting NEWFOCAS social worker.

Information from as many of the following as possible should be assessed and included:

- Birth family members
- Previous carers
- Teachers
- Other involved professionals
- Health workers
- Any other person with relevant information

THIS INFORMATION SHOULD BE COMPLETED PRIOR TO, AND AT THE TIME OF, ADMISSION.

Identify and detail all circumstances to note and outline steps to be taken to minimise risk and avoid potential damage.

Name of child/young person:	DOB:
	Age:
Name of placing authority:	Phone no(s)
Contact name:	Fax number:
Designation:	E-mail address:
Name of carer(s):	Address & Contact No:
Date & time of placement:	
Names of persons present at admission:	

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Brief reason for placement –planned/emergency

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Name(s) ages, gender and risky behaviours of children currently in placement please use additional space over if necessary

– please continue over if necessary

The next section is an at a glance indication of any risky behaviours or situations which are followed by a more detailed account of risk management. If risk is identified that could place other’s in the household at severe risk then great care needs to be taken before a decision to place is made. Remember that ALL placements are made on a month’s trial basis which gives more of a chance to realistically assess risk in relation to all concerned.

Please ensure that ALL risks are disclosed. Good quality and open communication is crucial for safe matching of placements. NEWFOCAS expects open and honest written disclosure of previously know about risky or dangerous behaviours. Failure to disclose such, with subsequent unacceptable risk to carers or others in placement may result in the immediate withdrawal of a placement. Note that totalling scores of Frequency/Severity on all identified Risks may be useful tool for future Risk Reviews.

Child to be placed: Risk Behaviours Identified (circle)

History of violence:-	Yes	No	Suspected
Sexually inappropriate behaviour	Yes	No	Suspected
Misuse of substances	Yes	No	Suspected

Risk/ History of:

Theft or damage to foster home	Yes	No	Suspected
Misuse of fire / other	Yes	No	Suspected
Danger in public places	Yes	No	Suspected
Danger in vehicles	Yes	No	Suspected
Absconding	Yes	No	Suspected
Allegations against others of physical or sexual abuse	Yes	No	Suspected
Any life threatening conditions?	Food	Drug allergy	Other health risks
Self harm	Yes	No	Suspected
Is the child / YP safe with animals/do they have any problems with animals?	Yes	No	
Does the child / YP have any allergy to animals / birds?	Yes	No	

Other

NOW PLEASE COMPLETE AN ASSESSMENT, OBTAIN A SCORE AND DETAIL WHAT MEASURES ARE TO BE TAKEN TO LESSEN RISK

1. Current violence level? - rate as below:

Frequency scoring	Severity	Score a (circle)	Score b frequency
No risk apparent = 0	Verbal	1	
	Threats	2	
Low risk = 1	Aggressive stance	3	
	Assault	4	
Significant risk = 2	Assault with weapon	5	
	TOTAL		
Serious risk = 3	Total overall score a + b		
	Score last assessment		

1a. Description of risk of violence and indicate to whom:

- please continue over if necessary

1b. Outline of strategy to address this risk:

- please continue over if necessary

2. Sexual inappropriateness? - rate as below:

Frequency	Severity	Score a (circle)	Score b frequency
No risk apparent = 0	Inappropriate sexualised talk	1	
	Sexual Threats	2	
Low risk = 1	Touching with intent	3	
	Attempted sex	4	
Significant risk = 2	Sex acts	5	
	TOTAL		
Serious risk = 3	Total overall score a + b		
	Score last assessment		

2a. Description of risk of sexual inappropriateness:

- please continue over if necessary

2b. Outline of strategy to address this risk

- please continue over if necessary

3. Substance abuse? - rate as below:

Frequency	Severity	Score a (circle)	Score b frequency
No risk apparent = 0	Alcohol	1	
	Misuse of medicines	2	
Low risk = 1	Cannabis	3	
	Solvents	4	
Significant risk = 2	Class A and B Drugs	5	
	TOTAL		
Serious risk = 3	Total overall score a + b		
	Score last assessment		

3a Description of the risk of substance abuse:

– please continue over if necessary

3b. Outline of strategy to address this risk:

– please continue over if necessary

4 (i). Theft or damage to foster home?

Frequency	Severity	Score a (circle)	Score b frequency
No risk apparent = 0	No value	1	
	Little value	2	
Low risk = 1	£10-50	3	
	£50-£200	4	
Significant risk = 2	Over £200	5	
	TOTAL		
Serious risk = 3	Total overall score a + b		
	Score last assessment		

4(i)a. Description of the risk of damage to the foster home.

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4(i)b. Outline of strategy to address this risk:

– please continue over if necessary

4 (ii) Theft or damage outside foster home?

Frequency	Severity	Score a (circle)	Score b frequency
No risk apparent = 0	No value	1	
	Little value	2	
Low risk = 1	£10-50	3	
	£50-£200	4	
Significant risk = 2	Over £200	5	
	TOTAL		
Serious risk = 3	Total overall score a + b		
	Score last assessment		

4(ii)Description of the risk of damage outside of the foster home

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4(ii)b. Outline of strategy to address this risk:

5. Misuse of fire / other?

Frequency	Severity	Score a (circle)	Score b frequency
No risk apparent = 0	E.g. plays with matches	1	
	E.g. lights fires outdoors	2	
Low risk = 1	E.g. lights fires indoors	3	
	E.g. premeditated acts puts property at risk	4	
Significant risk = 2	E.g. premeditated acts puts people at risk	5	
	TOTAL		
Serious risk = 3	Total overall score a + b		
	Score last assessment		

5a. Description of the risk of misuse of fire

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5b. Outline of strategy to address this risk:

– please continue over if necessary

6. Danger in public places?

6a. Outline of detail of risk in public places

Frequency	Severity	Score a (circle)	Score b frequency
No risk apparent = 0 Low risk = 1 Significant risk = 2 Serious risk = 3	Low level general aggression	1	
	Threats to endanger property	2	
	Threats to endanger people	3	
	Actual harm to people / property	4	
	Premeditated physical harm / damage	5	
Serious imminent risk = 4	TOTAL		
	Total overall score a + b		
	Score last assessment		

– please continue over if necessary

6b. Outline of strategy to address this risk:

– please continue over if necessary

7. Any danger in vehicles (consider any motorised transport)

7a. Description of the risk of danger in vehicles

Frequency	Severity	Score a (circle)	Score b frequency
No risk apparent = 0	E.g. plays with catches, wont take safety advice	1	
	E.g. fights with others in vehicle	2	
Low risk = 1	E.g. pulls handbrake when moving	3	
Significant risk = 2	E.g. wont put on seat belt, or removes it / gets out of moving vehicles	4	
Serious risk = 3	E.g. drives vehicle without permission in public place	5	
Serious imminent risk = 4	TOTAL		
	Total overall score a + b		
	Score last assessment		

– please continue over if necessary

7b. Outline of strategy to address this risk

– please continue over if necessary

8. Any absconding?

Frequency	Severity	Score a (circle)	Score b frequency
No risk apparent = 0	Daytime for short periods	1	
	Nighttimes for short periods	2	
Low risk = 1	1-2 nights missing	3	
	3 nights to 1 week missing	4	
Significant risk = 2	Over 1 week missing	5	
	TOTAL		
Serious risk = 3	Total overall score a + b		
	Score last assessment		

8a. Description of the risk of absconding

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8b. Outline of strategy to address this risk:

– please continue over if necessary

9. Any allegations against others of physical abuse?

Frequency	Severity	Score a (circle)	Score b frequency
No risk apparent = 0	Once – family member	1	
	More than once – family member / friend	2	
Low risk = 1	Once professional / Carer	3	
	More than once professional / Carer	4	
Significant risk = 2	Many allegations	5	
	TOTAL		
Serious risk = 3	Total overall score a + b		
	Score last assessment		

9(i)a Description of the risk of allegations of physical abuse

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9(ii) Any allegations against others of sexual abuse?

Frequency	Severity	Score a (circle)	Score b frequency
No risk apparent = 0	Once – family member	1	
	More than once – family member / friend	2	
Low risk = 1	Once professional / Carer	3	
	More than once professional / Carer	4	
Significant risk = 2	Many allegations	5	
	TOTAL		
Serious risk = 3	Total overall score a + b		
	Score last assessment		

9(ii) Description of the risk of allegations of sexual abuse

– please continue over if necessary

9b. Outline of strategy to address this risk:

– please continue over if necessary

10. Any life threatening / allergic reaction conditions?

10a More detailed description of risk of life threatening/allergic reaction conditions.

Frequency	detail	score a (circle) for severity	Score b frequency
No risk apparent = 0 Low risk = 1 Significant risk = 2 Serious risk = 3 Serious imminent risk = 4			
Severity			
	TOTAL		
Causes some discomfort = 1 Needs medical treatment = 2 In patient hospitalisation = 3 Permanent damage/death = 4	Total overall score a + b		
	Score last assessment		

– please continue over if necessary

10b. Outline of strategy to address this risk:

– please continue over if necessary

11. Does child / young person self harm?

Frequency	Severity	Score a (circle)	Score b frequency
No risk apparent = 0	Scratching self	1	
	Cutting self	2	
Low risk = 1	Drug o/dose - cry for help	3	
	Drug o/dose - serious attempt	4	
Significant risk = 2	Poison / dangerous materials ingested	5	
	TOTAL		
Serious risk = 3	Total overall score a + b		
	Score last assessment		

11a. Description of the risk of self harm

– please continue over if necessary

11b. Outline of strategy to address this risk:

– please continue over if necessary

12. Is the child / YP safe with animals / do they have any problems with animals?

Frequency	Severity	Score (circle)
No risk apparent = 0	Teases	1
	Hurts	2
Low risk = 1	Wounds	3
	Maims	4
Significant risk = 2	Kills	5
	TOTAL	
Serious risk = 3	Total overall score a + b	
	Score last assessment	

12a. Description of the risk of safety to animals.

– please continue over if necessary

12b. Outline of strategy to address this risk:

– please continue over if necessary

13. Does the child / YP have any allergy to animals / birds?

Frequency	detail	score a (circle) for severity	Score b frequency
No risk apparent = 0 Low risk = 1 Significant risk = 2 Serious risk = 3 Serious imminent risk = 4			
Severity			
	TOTAL		
Causes some discomfort = 1 Needs medical treatment = 2 In patient hospitalisation = 3 Permanent damage/death = 4	Total overall score a + b		
	Score last assessment		

13a. More detailed description of allergy to animals/birds

– please continue over if necessary

13b. Outline of strategy to address this risk:

– please continue over if necessary

14. Other – outline any matter not previously covered, its severity and the strategy to be put in place to address the risk:

– please continue over if necessary

Continue in same manner below if more identified risks ...

Persons contributing to the risk assessment: (please fill in all rows in full)

Name – PRINT	Signature	Designation / Agency	Date
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Name and designation of persons whom a copy of the risk assessment will be sent:

DATE REVIEW DUE

PLANNED VENUE OF REVIEW

PERSONS DUE TO CONTRIBUTE

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