

Generic Risk Indicators

Risk Indicators Particular to the Child (How I Grow and Develop)

Generic Risk Indicators - The Child	Child 1	Child 2	Child 3	Child 4	Notes
Premature birth/low birth weight					
Early prolonged separation at birth					
Baby born with substance withdrawal (NAS)					
Very young - highly dependent (birth - 5 years)					
Cries frequently, difficult to comfort					
Difficulties in feeding/toileting					
Periods of separation from parent/primary caregiver					
Adopted or step-child					
Fostered					
Child developmental delay					
Child mental health difficulties					
Child learning disabilities					
Child behavioural difficulties					
Difficult temperament					

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Health issues requiring ongoing medical treatment					
Engaging in self-harm					
Involved in substance misuse					
Anti-social behaviour/ relationships					
Involved in offending					
Evidence sexually inappropriate behaviour					
Poor relationship with parents					
Fearful of parent/caregiver					
Outwith parental control					
Child not seen by or given chance to talk to workers					
Contested contact and residence issues					
Repeat victim					
Historical abuse of siblings by carers					
Direct or indirect exposure to domestic abuse					
Statutory or child protection measures in place					

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Poor school attendance					
Young carer					
English is not first language of child					
More than 4 children in the family					

**Risk indicators Particular to the Parent/Carer
(What I Need from the People Who Look after Me)**

Generic Indicators - Parent/Carer	Child 1	Child 2	Child 3	Child 4	Notes
Parent under 21 years					
Poor parenting skills					
Poor understanding of child's needs					
Lack of empathy					
Unrealistic expectations of child (age and stage)					
Unable and/or unwilling to meet child's needs					
Poor attachment					
Evidence of rejection towards the child					
Lack of interest in child					
Threats/requests to have the child accommodated					
Child perceived as difficult and/or labelled by parent					
Prioritises adult needs over child's					
Inappropriate rigid attitudes towards child					
Partner is not biological parent of child					

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New partner - background is unknown					
Parental resistance/limited engagement					
Refuses workers access to child					
Parents masking the reality of the situation					
No shared understanding of concerns					
Child's account minimised/not believed by carer					
Physical illness which impairs parenting ability					
Mental illness which impairs parenting ability					
Substance misuse which impairs parenting ability					
Physical disability which impairs parenting ability					
High stress levels such as poverty, isolation, loss					
Parents parenting was poor/abusive					
Low self-esteem					
Poor life skills and problem solving abilities					
Poor impulse control					

Generic Indicators - Parent/Carer	Child 1	Child 2	Child 3	Child 4	Notes
Difficulty with communication					
Lack of trust towards workers and others					
History of multiple relationships					
Carer continually defers to partner for response					
History of domestic violence					
History of community violence					
History of violence /aggression towards workers					
Parents in conflict over custody or residence					
Inability/unwillingness to make use of supports					
Breaches of legal orders/agreement - criminal/civil					

**Risk Indicators Particular to the Child's Family and Wider World
(My Wider World)**

Generic Indicators - Wider World	Child 1	Child 2	Child 3	Child 4	Notes
Family socially isolated					
Absence of social supports/networks					
Problems within extended family					
Illness within extended family					
Conflict within extended family					
Substance misuse within extended family					
Family - frequent changes of address					
Home environment chaotic, unsafe					
Concerns about sleeping arrangements					
Family history of poor engagement with services					
Discriminated within community victim/perpetrator					
Culturally inappropriate behaviours					
Neighbourhood characterised by offending/violence					
Neighbourhood characterised by poverty					

Generic Indicators - Wider World	Child 1	Child 2	Child 3	Child 4	Notes
Housing quality poor					
Lack of community services					

What is the information telling me?

Using the Record Sheets practitioners should under each of the risk domains analyse the information gathered asking the key question “***what is this information telling me?***”.

1. Consider the information gathered and identify the key risk factors for child, parent/carer and wider world. The Record Sheets will highlight the specific areas of concern/risk (your evidence) but you should give an overview of what you consider to be the key issues within the three domains
2. You then need to form a view as to the level of risk for the child taking account of the interaction between the child, the parent/carer and the child’s wider world. What is the information telling you about the level of concern/risk?

Risk Indicators for
Child 1
Child 2
Child 3
Child 4
Parent/Carer
Family and Wider World

What is the information telling me about the level of concern/risk? (Consider frequency, duration, severity, single or accumulative in nature - significance of factors in reaching a conclusion about the level of risk.)