

Abigail Andrews
(Abigail)



Current Risk Screen

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Risk from Others (e.g. sexual vulnerability, financial vulnerability, social vulnerability)



Abigail is very aware of dangerous situations and how people might harm her but lacks confidence and assertiveness skills to tell people to leave her alone or raise the alarm that someone is making her feel uncomfortable. She has in the past given people money and belongings. Sometimes she gets angry with people so can be at risk of someone retaliating and getting into a fight.

Risk to Self (e.g. suicide, self-harm, harmful/hazardous substance misuse, Pica, self-inflicted cuts, ties ligatures, overdose of medication, self-injurious, head banging, biting)



Risk to Others (e.g. aggression, violence, arson, sexually abusive behaviours, associated criminality)



Abigail has previously been very aggressive towards staff when refused things, she does not tolerate people telling her "no" but has responded very well to people communicating positively with her and diverting her attention. For instance; instead of saying "no you cannot but another pair of shoes you are supposed to be saving" a better response would be "I thought you were saving your money this week for your planned holiday. That will be so exciting, you are doing so well saving. Shall we go and have milkshake?" This approach is working well and there have been no recent incidents of aggression.

Risk of Neglect (e.g. health, personal, degree of substance misuse, mental health deterioration)



Abigail frequently refuses her medication as she does not understand why she has to take them. This means that her mood can deteriorate and she gets demotivated to look after herself well.

When her medication is working well she has no issues of self – neglect.

Risk to Children (e.g. physical, emotional, sexual)



Risk from Physical Complications (e.g. medical, sensory, nutrition, hydration, choking, seizure activity, swallowing, diabetes)



Abigail has epilepsy and whilst it has been stable with no recent seizures she needs support to attend her check-ups and remember her insulin.
Abigail also has hormonal 'issues', she says; 'every month I get bad tummy pain and I just feel like shouting!'

Risk of Going Missing (e.g. tendency to wander and gets lost, goes off travelling without telling anyone or runs off in the community when staff escort)



Abigail has been known to wander off without telling anyone; 'I just get it into my head to go and so I go!' However, she turns up again and reports all that has happened. She would like help in learning to use a mobile phone to help her communicate.

Risk of deterioration of Mental Health (e.g. changes in daily living skills, increased anxiety, decreased motivation, withdrawal, unexplained changes in behaviour)



As described in section re neglect: Abigail can become low in mood when she stops taking her medication.

Risk of Substance Misuse (i.e. alcohol, illicit drugs, recreational drugs, legal highs. Etc)



Risk when bathing/showering (e.g. seizures, over/under sensitivity to heat of water)



Most of the time there is no risk for Abigail when she is in the bath or shower; but she does have epilepsy so needs to be able to alert someone if she has a seizure in the bath or shower to get support asap,

Other Risks (e.g. road safety awareness, cultural, racial, sexuality, etc)



As well as having a learning disability, Abigail is part Indian and has previously been bullied by others calling her both prejudiced and racist names ; she is very sensitive to this and needs support to help her manage situations when people are unkind to her.

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