

**COMPLETING A YOUNG PERSON’S RISK ASSESSMENT**

**Date: 1 October 2017**

**Review date:1 October 2018**

**Procedure for Completing a Young Person’s Risk Assessment:**

1. Identify the risk factors impacting on the individual young person (see example list - add to where appropriate).
2. Using a person centred approach, and including appropriate input from the young person, establish a current risk rating for each factor.
3. Complete all sections of the Risk Assessment for each individual risk factor.
4. Record identified triggers and any known early warning signs.
5. Identify the current safeguards in place to reflect and manage the individual risk factor.
6. Record significant, relevant incidents/events which have taken place prior to placement under ‘Historic Context’.
7. Establish a review date for the Risk Assessment. This should be undertaken weekly/monthly or immediately following a significant incident. This will ensure the effectiveness and currency of the safeguards in place.
8. Relevant information e.g.: incident forms, concern forms and key work records are cross referenced by date to the Cross Ref. column. This provides accessible, in depth support for the overall Risk Assessment.
9. Further action is identified with a change in circumstances, knowledge base and/or a review of the effectiveness of the current measures in place.

**In order to make the Risk Assessment process relevant and accessible, information should be relevant, accurate, fact based and recorded in bullet point form.**

**Potential Risk Factors:**

1. Alcohol use
2. Arson
3. Child sexual exploitation
4. Commercial or abusive sexual behaviours
5. Domestic abuse/violence
6. Emotional wellbeing
7. Gang affiliation
8. Missing from home
9. Offending behaviour
10. Physical wellbeing
11. Poly substance use
12. Radicalisation
13. Self harm
14. Suicidal ideation
15. Suicidal intent
16. Sexual behaviour
17. Violence and/or aggression.

Some of these risk factors may cover multiple issues, e.g.: emotional wellbeing could include anxiety, depression, diagnosed mental health factors and eating issues. The assessment should be specific in the identification of the relevant risk factor(s) involved.

The list above is indicative rather than prescriptive and the specific risk factors are relevant to the individual young person.

The young person’s Risk Assessment is a working document and as such, should include all relevant information (either directly or through the cross referential system). It should however be concise, bullet pointed and objective. It should also reflect any changes in the level of risk for any particular factor as identified within the review process.

**OMEGA CARE GROUP**

**Young Person Risk Assessment**

**Young Person:**

**Complied by:**

**Date:**

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| **Significant risk factors identified** | **Risk rating** |
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| **Risk Factor:** | **Risk Rating:** |

Triggers/Early Warning Signs:

Safeguards in Place:

Further Action

Cross reference

Review date:

Historic Context: