



Risk Assessment: Pastoral Visiting

This risk assessment has been drawn up in order to protect the needs of the individual: both the adult being visited, and the member of clergy doing the visit. In this way, both individuals know what is expected of them, and every visit can be carried out safely, bearing in mind both the needs of the individual and their safety.

Risks are identified and scored from 1 (being the least harmful) to 5 (being the most harmful). Where a risk is identified as being greater than 3, additional measures must be put in place to protect both the individual and the member of the clergy.

Spaces have been left on the form for you to fill in notes, and add any extra identified risk factors which are pertinent to the individual.

Name of individual _____

Reason for concern _____

(for example, Vulnerable Adult; exhibiting concerning behaviour; disability which could make them vulnerable; previous violent conviction; previous sex offending behaviour)

Risks	Questions to consider	Notes	Risk Score	Additional Advice
Environmental factors	Does the area present a specific risk? Are there any factors such as poorly lit streets or is it a high risk crime area?			If any risks in this category score higher than 3, visits must take place in the Church or the Coffee Shop
	Do they live on their own?			
	Are they in a house or a block of flats?			
	Are they alone during visits?			
	Is there likely to be someone else present during the visit who could pose additional risk?			
	Does anyone who lives in the house, or anyone who is likely to come to the house, have a history of violence towards the family or towards professionals?			
	Are they able to leave their home?			
	Can the home be evacuated quickly?			

Risks	Questions to consider	Notes	Risk Score	Additional Advice
Environmental factors cont.	Are there any pets which could cause a risk?			
Personal factors	Do they use illegal drugs or excessive alcohol?			If any risks in this category score higher than 3, 2 people must visit
	Do they have / have they had periods of psychosis?			
	Do they have a diagnosed mental illness which can affect the way they behave?			
	Are they receiving appropriate medical care? (This includes actually taking any medication prescribed)			

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Personal factors cont.				
Past factors	Have there been any bouts of unacceptable behaviour shown in the past?			If any risks in this category score higher than 3, a Care Agreement is needed and additional records kept
	Have there been any Safeguarding issues regarding this individual?			

Action Plan

Considerations	Notes	Precautions
Will they be visited at home or in a public space?		If this is a public space, how will the minister balance keeping themselves safe with a need for privacy for the individual?

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Will the minister be on their own when visiting?		Does the minister have a way of contacting someone else if an emergency or dangerous situation arises?
How frequent will the visits be?		These should be monthly unless there is a greater need to justify more frequent visits. Be mindful of dependency.
Is a Pastoral Care agreement needed?		
Will records be kept?		Be mindful of the privacy of the individual, but explain that information may need to be shared with other services should the need arise.

Any further information	Date