

NEEDS		DEGREE OF RISK			
		LOW (1)	MODERATE (2)	SUBSTANTIAL (3)	CRITICAL (4)
A.	Physical safety of individual and others.			Abuse or neglect (including self-neglect) has occurred or will occur.	Life is threatened or will be. Serious abuse or neglect (including self-neglect) has occurred or will occur. Cannot be left alone.
B.	Physical health/ disability of individual and others.	Concerns about physical health but unlikely to deteriorate in the next six months.	Concerns about physical health and may deteriorate in the next six months.	Significant concerns about physical health and likely to deteriorate in the next six months. Carer under severe stress.	Significant health problems have developed or will develop. Carer at risk of collapse.
C.	Mental health of individual and others.	Concerns about mental health but unlikely to deteriorate in the next six months.	Concerns about mental health and may deteriorate in the next six months.	Ability to care for self or relate to others limited by mental state. Mental health is likely to deteriorate.	Likelihood of self-harm or harm to others. Mental health is likely to deteriorate or is deteriorating.
D.	Independent living skills.	Is, or will be, unable to carry out one or two personal care and domestic routines	Is, or will be, unable to carry out several personal care and domestic routines	There is, or will be, only partial choice and control over the immediate environment. Is, or will be, unable to carry out the majority of personal care and domestic routines	There is, or will be, little or no choice and control over vital aspects of the immediate environment. Is, or will be, unable to carry out vital personal care and domestic routines.
E.	Involvement in work, education or learning.	Involvement in one or two aspects cannot or will not be sustained.	Involvement in several aspects cannot or will not be sustained.	Involvement in many aspects cannot or will not be sustained.	Vital involvement cannot or will not be sustained.
F.	Social roles, relationships and responsibilities	One or two social support systems and relationships cannot or will not be sustained. One or two family and other social roles and responsibilities cannot or will not be undertaken.	Several social support systems and relationships cannot or will not be sustained. Several family and other social roles and responsibilities cannot or will not be undertaken.	Majority of social support systems and relationships cannot or will not be sustained. Majority of family and other social roles and responsibilities cannot or will not be undertaken.	Vital social support systems and relationships cannot or will not be sustained. Vital family and other social roles and responsibilities cannot or will not be undertaken.