

S4.39 Example Risk Assessment Framework

This template is an example of one that can be used to help the Church authority assess risk. It is not an accredited clinical risk assessment framework

Subject of assessment
Contact details
Diocese/order
Church authority
Contact details
Allegation details Summary of the nature and circumstances of allegation. Respondent response during initial screening. Complainant's views of offence(s).
Ministry with children
Issues to be considered when assessing risk Is the allegation recent or of a historical nature? Has the allegation continued over a significant period of time? What is the frequency and severity of the alleged offence(s)? What is the number, gender and age range of complainants? Have there been any other previous complaints? Is there any evidence to support complaints? What is the respondent's attitude to the allegations/complainants? What is the respondent's role in the Church? Does the respondent have access to children? Can they continue to work in public? Detail what they can/cannot do. Are there other contributory factors that may increase risk (e.g. alcohol, single accommodation, refusing to comply with safeguarding process, etc.)? Are there any issues with the respondent's accommodation? Who has the respondent shared information about the allegations with? What action has the respondent taken to protect themselves or others?
Positive factors What internal strengths does the respondent have? What external supports have they put in place for themselves (personal/environmental)?
Restrictions on ministry required

Completed by _____ Role _____

Date _____