

Vulnerability Risk Assessment

“Vulnerable adults are defined as those whom, as a result of their situation or circumstances, are unable to protect themselves from harm”.

If the subject is a child, **DO NOT** complete the vulnerability risk assessment. Ensure a PPD1 is completed as per policy.

ASSESSING VULNERABILITY

Individuals should apply a common sense approach in determining the risk level.

The questions below allow you to assess the extent to which a vulnerable person / victim / witness is at risk of experiencing harm by identifying the factors that are putting them at risk and tailoring the support you offer based on these factors in order to reduce the risk of harm.

The risk level will be determined by reporting officers using their professional judgement as to the risks presented to these individuals whilst taking into account the different contributors to vulnerability.

Vulnerability Risk Assessment (V.R.A)		
Where did it occur?	Town/Village:	
	Sector:	
	Address:	

Storm Log No. & Date	
Niche Occurrence No.	

INCIDENT DETAILS	
Date / time of incident:	
Summarise the incident:	

VICTIM DETAILS	
Full Name:	Date of Birth:
Address:	
Telephone no(s):	
Email address:	
Preferred contact e.g. <i>only at certain times or locations, by telephone, in person or by letter etc.</i>	
Does victim require an interpreter?	Choose an item.
If 'Yes', preferred language?	

VICTIM PROFILE	
Disability	
Ethnicity	Declined / prefer not to say: ☐
	W1
Faith	Declined / prefer not to say: ☐ No faith: ☐
	Specify:
Gender Identity	What is their gender identity? Choose an item.
	Is their gender identity the same as assigned at birth? Choose an item.
Sexual orientation	Declined / prefer not to say: ☐
	Specify:
Immigration status	Declined / prefer not to say: ☐
	Specify:

VULNERABILITY ASSESSMENT Section 1	
1. Does this person have any disabilities or specific health needs? Consider • Physical health • Mental health • Substance abuse	Choose an item. If YES, please provide details
2. Are there any circumstances about the situation the person is in that may affect their vulnerability? Consider • Community circumstances • Cultural circumstances • Immigrant status • Poverty	Choose an item. If YES, please provide details
3. Are there any issues in relation to equality or discrimination? Consider • Hate crime / incidents • Individual factors • Sexual orientation	Choose an item. If YES, please provide details
4. Are there adverse personal circumstances? Consider • Repeat victim • Presence / proximity of abuser • Lack of power • Lack of support • Coercive control • Isolation	Choose an item. If YES, please provide details
Based on the answers above, do you consider this person to be vulnerable?	Choose an item. If YES please provide details
Only proceed to complete Section 2 of the Vulnerability Risk Assessment IF you identify the individual to be vulnerable	

VULNERABILITY RISK ASSESSMENT Section 2

Only complete this section if you have deemed the person to be vulnerable.

1. Is this incident part of an escalation or repeating pattern? Check niche for previous occurrences	Choose an item.
If 'Yes', specify why:	
2. How often are things happening in relation to this incident?	
3. Do your personal circumstances mean this incident has a greater impact than it might otherwise have?	Choose an item.
If 'Yes', specify why:	
4. What is the current situation between you and the perpetrator? (for example, strangers, neighbours, associates, family members)	
5. What kind of an impact is this having on you?	
6. What are you worried might happen?	
7. Has anyone else been affected by what has happened or the ongoing situation? (consider further VRA or PPD1 for other affected persons as appropriate)	Choose an item.
8. Do you have support available to you to assist in this issue? (e.g. family, friends, health visitor, social worker, council)	Choose an item.
If 'Yes', who? Please detail contact methods.	

If 'Yes', are you happy for us to discuss this with them?	
9. What extra support do you need?	
10. What resolution are you seeking?	

Officer observations:	
Initial officer actions:	
Final officer determined risk level:	Choose an item. No risk Standard risk – isolated incident, no risk of physical injury or damage to property, no likelihood of escalation, strong support network available. Medium risk – Person may be exposed to risk of harm if no additional response is provided by police or support given by partner agencies. Some support available. High risk – Person may be exposed to significant risk of serious physical or emotional harm in the immediate or foreseeable future if no response is provided by police or support given by partner agencies. Serious likelihood of continuation or escalation of the incident. Potential critical incident. Serious risk of intimidation by the perpetrator, their family or friends in the immediate or foreseeable future.

Person completing:

CONSENT TO INFORMATION SHARING

I consent to agencies obtaining and sharing information as part of the multi-agency work to help and secure my safety and that of my family. **Note:** If there are child protection concerns, information will be shared regardless of whether consent is given.

Consent given?	Choose an item.
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SUPERVISORS REVIEW

Detail any change of risk category, additional information, further risk management or recommendations:

Supervisor Risk Assessment:	
Supervisor completing:	Date:

Instructions for Supervisors:

If vulnerability is determined to be MEDIUM or HIGH, this form must be Niche tasked to HORIZON.

If vulnerability includes mental health concerns, consider Niche tasking this form to Mental Health Control Room Triage.

Supervisors must REVIEW and OVERSEE the Vulnerability Action Plan which should go onto the Occurrence Enquiry Log (OEL).

Supervisors must ensure that the vulnerability flag is updated.

THE THREE STRANDS OF VULNERABILITY

Effectively identifying and protecting vulnerable adults

The 'Three Strands of Vulnerability' clearly outlines the processes for dealing with welfare issues, vulnerable adults and safeguarding adults.

Vulnerable adults: those whom, as a result of their situation or circumstances, are unable to protect themselves from harm.



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Strand 1: Welfare issue for an adult		Strand 2: Crime or ASB against vulnerable adults		Strand 3: Significant harm against vulnerable adult	
PPD1 Form	✗	PPD1 Form	✗	PPD1 Form	✓
Vulnerability Risk Assessment (VRA)	✗	Vulnerability Risk Assessment (VRA)	✓	Vulnerability Risk Assessment (VRA)	✗
Actions for attending officers: - Contact respective Social Services and advise them of the incident (see contact details below) - If there are mental health concerns, consider contacting Control Room Mental Health Triage via 101, DDI 01380 826632, or by emailing awp.swindonandwiltshiresocialservices@nhs.net - Record contact on STORM - No requirement to create NICHE		Actions for attending officers: - Complete VRA prior to the end of your duty - Complete Vulnerable Person Action Plan on NICHE - Contact respective Social Services and advise them of the incident - If there are mental health concerns, consider NICHE tasking the VRA to Control Room Mental Health Triage - Record contact on NICHE OEL		Significant Harm: "A risk which is life threatening and / or traumatic, and from which recovery, whether physical or psychological, can be expected to be difficult or impossible" Victim is: - Criminally Exploited Vulnerable (CEV) "When a person is considered vulnerable and is forced, coerced, compelled or exploited to commit a criminal offence by a 3rd party who stands to gain" - Victim of Trafficking / Modern Slavery Encompasses slavery, servitude, forced and compulsory labour, inhumane treatment and human trafficking. - Sexually Exploited Adult Includes those actively / suspected to be involved in street sex work, off street sex work or forced into sexual activity by a 3rd party for any gain - Radicalised Adult "Adopting extreme political, social or religious ideals that reject or undermine contemporary ideas and expressions of freedom of choice" - Adult in need / receipt of community care of services. "Victim has suffered or is at risk of suffering abuse, and suspect is: - Family member in a position of care / trust - Carer - Client on client in care setting - Known person in a position of care/trust	

Swindon Social Services

Careline: 0800 085 66 66
Out of hours: 01793 436 699
Careline@swindon.gov.uk

Wiltshire Social Services

Customer advisor: 0300 456 0111
Out of hours: 0300 456 0100
EDSSG@wiltshire.gcsx.gov.uk

Children with welfare issues, who have come to the notice of police or who are at risk of harm ALWAYS require a PPD1 to be sent to the MASH

Vulnerability Risk Level	Action Required
Not vulnerable / no risk	'Vulnerable Initial' warning marker to be removed from niche
Standard risk Isolated incident Incident outside hotspot area No risk of physical injury or damage to property No likelihood of escalation	Keep IP updated in line with victim charter Referral to appropriate external agencies Refer to pre-ASBRAC toolkit
Medium risk Person may be exposed to risk of harm if no additional response is provided by police or support given by partner agencies Repeat location Repeat victim Victim identified as vulnerable Links with OCG or DDN Risk of serious damage to property	Above applied in conjunction with the following: Develop an action plan and record on the oel Consider referral to ASBRAC / SBC equivalent Consider referral to appropriate support agencies as follows: HORIZON Crime Prevention Team / Bobby Van Licensing Officers / Probation Services / Voluntary Agencies / Charities DIU for inclusion in TAB Devise communication strategy to maintain and improve community confidence Ensure Community Coordinator is aware
High risk Person may be exposed to significant risk of serious physical or emotional harm in the immediate or foreseeable future if no response is provided by police or support given by partner agencies. Serious likelihood of a continuation or escalation of the incident. Critical incident. Serious risk of intimidation by the perpetrator, their family or friends in the immediate or foreseeable future.	Above applies in conjunction with the following: <u>Refer incident immediately to an Inspector</u> Devise post management plan with external agencies Refer to Adult Duty Service, or to Emergency Duty Service (EDS) if out of hours SOP on address Ensure inclusion at DMM, local tasking and on TAB