

The Risk Assessment Tool

Title of Proposal		Date	Name of Researcher/Principal Investigator	Ref No.
Area	Likelihood of harm (tick boxes to indicate judgement)			
	High		Low	Areas of high likelihood of harm addressed?
Subject/participant characteristics	<input type="checkbox"/> Informed consent & ability to withdraw from study not possible or unlikely, due to age of child or incapacity of adult. Communication issues arising from language or literacy issues, sensory or speech impairments.	<input type="checkbox"/> Informed consent & ability to withdraw from study possible with a support to overcome communication barriers e.g. advocates, translators/ interpreters, signers, or technology.	<input type="checkbox"/> Informed consent and ability to withdraw from study fully possible.	<p>Concerns about informed consent and communication barriers are fully identified/ addressed.</p> <p>Concerns are not fully identified or addressed.</p>
Methods/nature of data collection	<input type="checkbox"/> High levels of face to face contact and /or interaction between researcher and participant e.g. participant observation or observation study.	<input type="checkbox"/> Some face-to-face contact and interaction for limited amounts of time.	<input type="checkbox"/> No face to face interaction between investigator and participant.	<p>Possible risks arising from high level of contact are identified and fully addressed.</p> <p>Possible risks are not identified or addressed.</p>

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