

## The Risk Assessment Tool

| Title of Proposal                          |  | Date   | Name of Researcher/Principal Investigator  | Ref No.  |
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| <b>Area</b>                                | <b>Likelihood of harm (tick boxes to indicate judgement)</b>   |  |  |  |
|  | <b>High</b>  |  | <b>Low</b>   | <b>Areas of high likelihood of harm addressed?</b>   |
| <b>Subject/participant characteristics</b> | <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. | Concerns about informed consent and communication barriers <b>are</b> fully identified/ addressed.<br><br>Concerns <b>are not</b> fully identified or addressed. |
| <b>Methods/nature of data collection</b>   | <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.   | Possible risks arising from high level of contact <b>are</b> identified and fully addressed.<br><br>Possible risks <b>are not</b> identified or addressed.       |

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