

Signs of Safety Harm Analysis Matrix with Prompts

When assessing child abuse and neglect it is crucial to gather specific, detailed information about the harm. This involves clearly identifying the harmful behaviour, its severity and frequency and impact on the child. The matrix below is designed to assist professionals to develop questions to gather detailed information from referrers.

Chronicity Action/Impact	Timespan	First incident	Worst Incident	Last Incident
Behaviour <i>The dangerous or harm causing adult behaviour. Can also be a young person's dangerous behaviour</i>				
Severity <i>Describes how bad the harmful adult behaviour is</i>				
Impact <i>Describes the physical and emotional impact of the adult behaviours on the child</i>				