

Risk Assessment clinical competencies

Name:	Role:
Base:	Date initial training / E mot completed:

Competency Statement:

The participant demonstrates clinical knowledge and skill in conflict resolution without assistance and/or direct supervision (level 3 - see level descriptors). Assessment in practice must be by a Registered Nurse who can demonstrate competence at level 3 or above.

Performance Criteria	Assessment Method	Level achieved	Date	Assessor/self assessed
The Participant will be able to:				
1. Demonstrate knowledge of the key aspects of best practice in risk management including:				
a) The indicators of risk	Question and discussion			
b) The importance of identifying high risk periods	Question and discussion			
c) Options for flexible and robust risk management	Question and discussion			
d) ways of maximising involvement	Question and discussion			
e) Communication and therapeutic relationships	Question and discussion			
f) Aspects of the Mental Health Act	Question and discussion			
2. Demonstrate the application of practice based evidence when working with risk including demonstrating:				
a) The recognition of the strengths and principles of recovery	Question and discussion or observation			
b) Harm minimisation supported by a practical approach to assessing risk (not just ticking boxes)	Question and discussion or observation			
c) A collaborative approach when working with risk including service user/carer wherever possible	Question and discussion or observation			
d) Balanced decisions based on research evidence, individual context and clinical judgement	Question and discussion or observation			
e) The development of confident reasoned positive risk taking decisions where appropriate	Question and discussion or observation			
f) Decisions immediately change in response to the dynamic changing nature of the risks	Question and discussion or observation			

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g) Follow the process for identifying and analysing risks, formulating plans and responses	Question and discussion or observation			
h) A flexible approach that responds to changing levels of risk	Question and discussion or observation			
i) Recognised risk tools are used to guide and capture practice	Question and discussion or observation			
j) Risk management plans are developed through multidisciplinary and multiagency team working	Question and discussion or observation			
k) The risk information is communicated effectively to the relevant people	Question and discussion or observation			
l) The principles of the mental health legislation, research and literature are applied in relation to risk	Question and discussion or observation			

Source: Best Practice in Managing Risk DH 2007

Date all elements of Competency Tool completed to level 3 _____

Name _____ Signature _____ Status _____ Date _____

I confirm that I have assessed the above named individual and can verify that he/she demonstrates competency in risk assessment

Assessor _____ Signature _____ Status _____ Date _____

Review Dates:	Competent Yes / No	Registered Nurse Signature	Verifier signature	Comments