**FII Template**

Appendix 3

**Instructions for Completion of FII Template:**

1. All sheets of the FII template should have the child / young person’s name, date of birth and NHS Number / other local number that can be used to help identify him / her. The completed FII template must be filed in the child’s notes.
2. A FII template should be completed for each child individually and not used to record what is happening for the entire family. There are 2 sections of the template where family information should be recorded. The first is that for category 10 it is appropriate / a requirement to record information pertaining to other family members, as well as information pertaining to the child. The second section is category 8, which purely refers to information about other family members and not the child. The reason that each child being assessed for FII in the family needs a separate FII template completed is that not all children in a family experience the same abuse and not all are at risk to the same degree and it is important that this is recognised so that each child is dealt with as an individual within the context of their family background. Doing separate FII templates may also indicate that children are at particular risk
3. Every section must be completed. If information is not available this should be stated. For example if there is no information about what happens to a child’s symptoms when the parent is not present because this has not been tested / separation has not occurred then this must be stated. It is just as important to record events that do not support FII as it is to record events that do.
4. The “conclusion” column must be completed for every category. “Yes” should be used when it is considered that on the balance of probability the FII category is fulfilled and “no” used when it is considered that on the balance of probability the FII category is not fulfilled. “Possibly” would denote some concerns that the category is fulfilled but that it is not possible to be very confident. “Not known” could be used if information is missing. These are only examples of terms that can be used and there may be occasions when other words / phrases might be more appropriately used.
5. It is important that the professional completing the template records their name, job title, contact details, the version of the chronology (this will change as it is added to) and the date this version is completed.
6. The FII template might be used by a single professional trying to make sense of the information they have collected. It may also be used by a group of professionals within a Professional’s meetings or strategy meeting. This should be recorded so that it is clear whether this is the view of a single person / group of people.
7. Once the FII template has been completed it is important that the information is analysed and a conclusion is reached. This should be done by completing section 4.

**FII Template**

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**Page 1**

**Child’s Name:**

**Date of Birth:**

**NHS Number:**

**ICS/Pupil Number:**

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| **Category** | **Warning Signs of Fabricated or Induced Illness** | **Examples seen in this child’s case / within this family**  **(If examples not seen within a category please write “none”.)** | **Examples of strengths / appropriate behaviour not supportive of category**  **(If examples not seen within a category please write “none”.)** | **Conclusion about whether criteria met – Yes / No / Possibly / Not known** |
| 1 | **Reported symptoms and signs found on examination are not explained by any medical condition from which the child may be suffering.** |  |  |  |
| 2 | **Physical examination and results of medical investigations do not explain reported symptoms and signs.** |  |  |  |
| 3 | **There is an inexplicably poor response to prescribed medication and other treatment**. |  |  |  |
| 4 | **New symptoms are reported on resolution of previous ones**. |  |  |  |
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| 5 | **Reported symptoms and found signs are not seen to begin in the absence of the carer.** |  |  |  |
| 6 | **The child’s normal, daily life activities are being curtailed beyond that which might be expected for any medical disorder from which the child is known to suffer.** |  |  |  |
| 7 | **Over time the child is repeatedly presented with a range of signs and symptoms.** |  |  |  |
| 8 | **History of unexplained illnesses or deaths or multiple surgeries in parents or siblings of the family**. |  |  |  |
| 9 | **Reported signs and symptoms fade or disappear once the perpetrator’s access to the child is restricted.** |  |  |  |
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| 10 | **Exaggerated catastrophes or fabricated bereavements and other extended family problems are reported.** |  |  |  |
| 11 | **Incongruity between the seriousness of the story and the actions of the parents.** |  |  |  |
| 12 | **Erroneous or misleading information provided by parent**. |  |  |  |

**Completed By:**

Signature:

Name:

Job Title:

Date of Completion:

Completed individually / in a professional's meeting / in a strategy meeting: