Positive Risk Assessment Guidance

This form is to be used at the commencement of the Complex Care Response (CCR) and should be completed by all professionals involved in the CCR.

The positive risk assessment should be completed either over the telephone or in the initial meeting and should record the views of all professionals including the provider.

In the **Description Section** record the reason that the CCR has been raised for example increased aggression towards carer or others, psychotic episode which put placement at risk, severe UTI causing challenging behaviour, increasing anxiety/self-harm. This can be descriptive and can record more than one area of concern/risk.

**Evaluate the risk** – Please record professionals view on capacity. Record any positive or negative environmental or situational hazards that impact on the level of risk and the individual’s ability to self-protect / self-manage. Record resilience factors and actions historically taken to address risk. This is where any existing strategies should be recorded.

**Initial Risk Score** - Each area of risk should be scored based on severity, frequency and consequence. This scoring is a professional judgement .

**Actions to address risk** – This section should record the CCR plan. It should include actions for all professionals to reduce or manage risk. These actions could include referrals to other agencies, medication reviews, offer of respite, carer assessment, provision of equipment etc.

**Resulting Score** – If all actions to address risk are put in place what is the professional’s view of the new level of risk in terms of severity, frequency and consequence – will the plan make a difference, have any additional protective factors been put in place which would lower the risk score? Record the new score.

**Monitor and Review** – Record how you will you know if the plan is not working and this needs to be escalated. Record the date for the first review of the CCR, this should be no more than 6 weeks from the date the CCR is initiated.

**Final Review** - The risk assessment should then be reviewed again 11/12 weeks after the initiation of the CCR prior to closing at no later than 12 weeks. This review should identify whether any future plans are required and ensure that these are in place. This review should also measure the effectiveness of the CCR and the final proforma should be completed alongside the updated positive risk assessment.