**Signs of Safety Harm Analysis Matrix**

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| **Chronicity**  **Action/Impact** | **Timespan** | **First incident** | **Worst Incident** | **Last Incident** |
| **Behaviour**  *The dangerous or harm causing adult behaviour. Can also be a young person’s dangerous behaviour* | **Who are we worried about?**  **What have they done?**  **When did they do this?** |  |  |  |
| **Severity**  *Describes how bad the harmful adult behaviour is* | **How bad was the behaviour on this occasion?** |  |  |  |
| **Impact**  *Describes the physical and emotional impact of the adult behaviours on the child* | **How did this affect the child/children?** |  |  |  |

**Signs of Safety Harm Analysis Matrix with Prompts**

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| **Severity**  *Describes how bad the harmful adult behaviour is* | *Over the whole timespan the adult behaviour has been happening, how bad has the adult behaviour been?* | *How bad was the first event of adult worrying behaviour?* | *How bad was the worst event of worrying adult behaviour?* | *How bad was the most recent event of worrying adult behaviour?* |
| **Impact**  *Describes the physical and emotional impact of the adult behaviours on the child* | *Over the whole timespan the adult behaviour has been happening what has been the overall impact on the children?* | *Over the whole timespan the adult behaviour has been happening what has been the overall impact on the children?* | *What was the impact of the worst incident on the child(ren)?* | *What was the impact of the most recent incident on the child(ren)?* |

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