

## Full Risk Classification Table

Low risk	Medium risk	High risk	Severe risk
No risk factors apparent (or previous risk factors fully addressed)	Risk factors apparent (or not all risk factors fully addressed)	Risk factors apparent (and risk factors not being addressed)	Risk factors apparent (and risk factors not being addressed)
Protective factors apparent	Protective factors apparent	Protective factors apparent	No protective factors apparent
Parents ABLE to demonstrate sustained capacity for actual change	Parents ABLE to demonstrate sustained capacity for actual change	Parents UNABLE to demonstrate sustained capacity for actual change	Parents UNABLE to demonstrate sustained capacity for actual change
Parents and child both want return home	Parents and child both want return home	Ambivalence by parent and/or child re return home	Ambivalence by parent and/or child re return home
Unlikely that abuse will recur if child returned home	Some possibility that abuse will recur if child returned home	Strong possibility that abuse will recur if child returned home	Very strong possibility that abuse will recur if child returned home
Return child home following preparation with reunification plan, parental agreements, support for child and parents and monitoring. (Child In Need Plan/Placed with Parents)	Return child home following preparation with reunification plan, parental agreement, support for child and parents, services to reduce risks and increase protective factors and regular monitoring. (Child in Need Plan/Child Protection Plan/Placed with Parents)	Further interventions and evidence of parental ability to engage and change required before child returned home. Retain Care Order. Begin concurrent planning for possibility of permanent separation	Child remains in care. Legal proceedings instigated if required. Plan for permanent separation within timescale appropriate to child's development, needs and wishes
If parents can maintain 'low risks' for a period of at least six* months the case can close.	If parents address all risk factors and maintain the change for at least six months the case can move to 'low risk', where it should remain for a further six months before closing.	If parents develop a capacity for actual change and begin to address risk factors, and protective factors remain apparent this should be sustained for at least six* months before the case can move to 'medium risk' where it should remain for a further six* months before moving to 'low risk'.	If protective factors become apparent and/or parents begin to address risk factors, within timescale appropriate to child's needs, this should be sustained for at least six months before moving to 'high risk'.
If new risk factors emerge/ previous risk factor re-emerge and parents are able to show demonstrable capacity for change and protective factors are apparent the case will move to 'medium risk' for further interventions and monitoring.	If parents are unable to address all risk factors but are making use of interventions to address them and protective factors are apparent the case should remain 'medium risk'. As long as no new risk factors emerge or previous risk factors re-emerge that had previously been addressed.	If parents remain 'high risk' for six months without addressing risk factors the case should move to severe risk with plan for permanent separation.	
If new risk factors emerge/ previous risk factors re-emerge and parents are unable to show demonstrable capacity for change yet protective factors are apparent the case will move to 'high risk', for further interventions and monitoring.	If new risk factors emerge/ previous risk factors re-emerge and parents are unable to show demonstrable capacity for change yet protective factors are apparent the case will move to 'high risk' for further monitoring.	If protective factors are no longer apparent the case should move to severe risk with plan for permanent separation.	

If new risk factors emerge/ previous risk factor re-emerge and parents are unable to show demonstrable capacity for change and no protective factors are apparent the case will move to 'severe risk' and child will return to care with legal proceedings instigated if necessary.

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