

Joint Risk & Vulnerability Assessment

This assessment is based upon analysis as per the risk and vulnerability assessments. The purpose of the assessment is to consider the victims vulnerability in relation to domestic abuse & will also consider the risk posed to the victim by the perpetrator as well as the implication of this in terms of the risk to their child/ren.

This assessment would normally include 2 - 3 interviews with each party. If one of the parties do not engage the assessor can complete an assessment based on the paper evidence and interviews with the other party. A joint risk and vulnerability assessment report will normally include the following:

- CASE OVERVIEW & CURRENT STATUS
- RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE PARTIES - Relationship history, Violence & abuse, Physical Violence, Emotional/Psychological abuse, Coercive control, Sexual jealousy, Sexual abuse, Post-separation violence & abuse
- THE CHILD'S EXPERIENCES - Child abuse, neglect or maltreatment, Child's exposure to violence & abuse, Impact on the child/ren.
- STATIC & DYNAMIC INDICATORS FOR EACH PARTY - this includes all the static and dynamic indicators as set out in the risk assessment and vulnerability assessment overleaf.
- CONCLUSIONS & RECOMMENDATIONS FOR EACH PARTY - Static concerns, Dynamic concerns, Positive factors, Statement of risk, Impact on child/ren, Child/ren's support needs, Recommendations & Risk management plan for each party and each child, Response to Instructions.

Other DV-ACT Assessments

DV-ACT also provide preliminary reports on all assessments when requested. Other assessment reports, with details available upon request, include: whole family assessments, third party carer assessments, risk assessments for private law cases, sex offender assessments and interim and final programme reports.



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Contents of a DV-ACT Assessment

DV-ACT Provide a number of assessments for children's services cases, this leaflet is designed to give referrers an indication of what a DV-ACT assessment would include.

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Risk Assessment of Perpetrator

This assessment is based upon an analysis of empirically-derived risk indicators derived from multiple sources of information about the subject's background, giving detailed consideration to both static and dynamic risk factors. The purpose of the assessment is to consider the risk posed to the victim by the perpetrator in relation to domestic abuse, as well as the implication of this in terms of the risk to their child/ren.

This assessment would normally include 2 - 3 interviews with the perpetrator and 1-2 interviews with the victim. If the parties do not engage the assessor can complete an assessment based on the paper evidence.

A risk assessment report will normally include the following:

- CASE OVERVIEW & CURRENT STATUS
- THE CHILD'S EXPERIENCES - Child abuse, neglect or maltreatment, Child's exposure to violence & abuse, Impact on child
- OTHER STATIC INDICATORS - General risk indicators, Developmental indicators, Attachment & family stability, Parental conflict, Maltreatment, Involvement of children's services, Conduct problems, Previous (& subsequent) relationships, Violence to non-intimates, Compliance with agreements & court orders, History of criminality, History of alcohol & substance misuse, History of mental health issues
- DYNAMIC INDICATORS - Culpability, Insight & self-awareness, Understanding of impact of his behaviour on the victim and on the child, Empathy & remorse for the victim and for the child, Parenting, Quality of involvement/contact, Speaking to child, Insight/aptitude for reparative parenting, Attitudes which support abuse of women, Current alcohol & substance misuse, Current mental health issues, Suitability & prognosis for treatment
- CONCLUSIONS & RECOMMENDATIONS - Static concerns, Dynamic concerns, Positive factors, Statement of risk, Impact on child, Child's support needs, Recommendations & Risk Management Plan, Response to Instructions.

Vulnerability Assessment of Victim

As per the risk assessment, these assessments are based upon an analysis of risk indicators derived from multiple sources of information. The purpose of the assessment is to consider the subject's vulnerability in relation to domestic abuse. It will also consider the risk posed to the victim by current and former partners in relation to domestic abuse, as well as the implication of this in terms of the risk to the child/ren. It is not, however, an assessment of parenting capacity or of any direct risk posed to the child/ren outside of the context of the domestic abuse.

This assessment would normally include 2 - 3 interviews with the victim only. A vulnerability assessment report will normally include the following:

- CASE OVERVIEW & CURRENT STATUS
- THE CHILD'S EXPERIENCES; Child abuse, neglect or maltreatment' Child's exposure to violence & abuse.
- STATIC INDICATORS; General vulnerability indicators, Developmental indicators, Attachment & family stability, Parental conflict; Maltreatment, Educational attainment, Previous (& subsequent) relationships, Violence to/from non-intimates, History of alcohol & substance misuse, History of mental health issues.
- DYNAMIC INDICATORS; Attachment, Understanding of violence and abuse in general, past relationships and current relationship, Ability to prioritise safety; Parenting, Attitude to partners role as father, Empathy for the child/ren, Impact of abuse on her parenting, Suitability & prognosis for treatment.
- CONCLUSIONS & RECOMMENDATIONS; Static concerns, Dynamic concerns, Positive factors, Statement of vulnerability, Treatment viability, Recommendations and Risk Management Plan, Response to Instructions.

Where a vulnerability assessment is provided alongside a treatment programme the report will also include details of the client's engagement with programme material and a view on whether the client's vulnerability has reduced.