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| Service user details |  |
| Full Name: | Alias: |
| Date of Birth: | Also known as: |
| Gender:  Male  Female  Self-described (please specify)  Client preferred not to say  Unknown | Intersex:  Yes  No  Client preferred not to say  Unknown |
| Transgender:  Yes  No  Client preferred not to say  Unknown | Sexuality:  Same sex/gender attracted  Heterosexual/other gender attracted  Multi-gender attracted  Asexual  None of the above  Client preferred not to say  Unknown |
| Primary address: | Current Location: |
| Contact number: | Comments: |
| Relationship to victim survivor: | Service provider client ID: |
| Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander  Aboriginal Mob/Tribe:  Torres Strait Islander  Both Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander  Client preferred not to say  Neither  Not known | CALD  Yes  No  Not known  LGBTIQ  Yes  No  Not known  People with disabilities  Yes  No  Not known  Cognitive, physical, sensory disability:  Rural  Yes  No  Not known  Older person  Yes  No  Not known |
| Was a language or Auslan interpreter used? | Yes  No (If yes, what type): |
| Country of birth: | Year of arrival in Australia: |
| Are you on a visa? | Yes  No (If yes, what type): |
| Language mainly spoken at home: | |
| Emergency contact:  Relationship to service user: | Name:  Contact Number: |
| Person identified as using violence by:  Direct disclosure (self)  Victim survivor disclosure  Observation of family violence risk factors (narratives or behaviours)  Information sharing from another professional or service, or third party  Referred or court order for mandated engagement  Limited confidentiality conversation conducted?  Yes  No, detail reason: | |
| The status of the family unit:  Lives alone  Lives with carer  Family live together/ not separated  Recently separated/anticipated  Separated where child/children reside with the victim survivor  Separated family where child resides with the person using family violence  Separated, children are in alternant/kinship or family care | |
| Further details | |

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| Adult victim survivor details (add per adult victim survivor) | |
| Full Name: | Alias: |
| Date of Birth: | Also known as: |
| Gender:  Female  Male  Self-described (please specify)  Client preferred not to say  Unknown | Intersex:  Yes  No  Client preferred not to say  Unknown |
| Transgender:  Yes  No  Client preferred not to say  Unknown | Sexuality:  Same sex/gender attracted  Heterosexual/other gender attracted  Multi-gender attracted  Asexual  None of the above  Client preferred not to say  Unknown |
| Primary address: | Current Location: |
| Contact number: | Comments: |
| Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander  Aboriginal Mob/Tribe:  Torres Strait Islander  Both Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander  Client preferred not to say  Neither  Not known | CALD  Yes  No  Not known  LGBTIQ  Yes  No  Not known  People with disabilities  Yes  No  Not known  Cognitive, physical, sensory disability:  Rural  Yes  No  Not known  Older person  Yes  No  Not known |
| Country of birth: | Year of arrival in Australia: |
| Are they on a visa? | Yes  No (If yes, what type): |
| Language mainly spoken at home: |  |

### [if applicable]

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| Child 1 Details# (potential victim survivor/s) | #Separate risk assessment must be completed |
| Full Name: | Alias: |
| Date of Birth: | Also known as: |
| Gender:  Male  Female  Self-described (please specify)  Client preferred not to say  Unknown | Intersex:  Yes  No  Client preferred not to say  Unknown |
| Transgender:  Yes  No  Client preferred not to say  Unknown | Sexuality:  Same sex/gender attracted  Heterosexual/other gender attracted  Multi-gender attracted  Asexual  None of the above  Client preferred not to say  Unknown |
| Primary address: | Current Location: |
| Contact number: | Comments: |
| Relationship to victim survivor: | Relationship to person using violence: |
| Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander  Aboriginal Mob/Tribe:  Torres Strait Islander  Both Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander  Client preferred not to say  Neither  Not known | CALD  Yes  No  Not known  LGBTIQ  Yes  No  Not known  People with disabilities  Yes  No  Not known  Cognitive, physical, sensory disability:  Rural  Yes  No  Not known |

# Section 1 – Observed Narratives or behaviours indicating or disclosing use of family violence risk factors

### Item

Includes family violence risk to adult victim survivor (partner, ex-partner, older person, person in care, family member) or child/young person victim survivor

| Observed narratives: Beliefs or attitudes | | Comment/detail  of observation |
| --- | --- | --- |
| Makes statements that indicate sexist, misogynistic, homophobic, biphobic, transphobic, ableist, ageist or racist beliefs (denigrating person or group based on identity) | Yes  No  Not known |  |
| Makes statements that indicate gendered entitlement to power, control and decision making | Yes  No  Not known |  |
| Makes statements that indicate belief in ownership over victim survivor | Yes  No  Not known |  |
| Comments negatively on victim survivor’s decisions and actions | Yes  No  Not known |  |
| Pathologises victim survivor (describing their behaviour or presentation as behavioural disorder, mental illness or addiction) | Yes  No  Not known |  |
| Displays limited empathy or desire to understand experiences of victim survivor | Yes  No  Not known |  |
| Complains that victim survivor does not show them ‘respect’ | Yes  No  Not known |  |
| Openly dismisses victim survivor’s viewpoints and/or needs, particularly if it conflicts with their own | Yes  No  Not known |  |
| [Adult victim survivor only] Makes decisions for adult victim survivor | Yes  No  Not known |  |
| [If applicable] Displays indictors of ownership and entitlement, in relation to children and rights to access and/or custody | Yes  No  Not known |  |
| [If applicable] Threatens to report partner/ex-partner to authorities about their ‘poor parenting’ | Yes  No  Not known |  |
| [If applicable] Criticises ex/partner’s parenting (put downs, devaluing worth) | Yes  No  Not known |  |
| Observed behaviours: Physical / verbal behaviour | |  |
| Displays controlling behaviour | Yes  No  Not known |  |
| Displays indicators of jealousy and/or possessiveness | Yes  No  Not known |  |
| Displays indicators of fixation with victim survivor’s actions and whereabouts (monitoring, rumination and intent focus) | Yes  No  Not known |  |
| Controls adult victim survivor’s finances and/or access to employment | Yes  No  Not known |  |
| Demonstrates threatening non-verbal behaviour (physical standover, intrusion into personal space) | Yes  No  Not known |  |
| Hostile language and attitudes towards authority figures and systems | Yes  No  Not known |  |
| Talks about victim survivor in emotionally abusive or degrading ways | Yes  No  Not known |  |
| Interrupts, corrects and/or dominates victim survivor in conversation | Yes  No  Not known |  |
| Raises voice and/or yells | Yes  No  Not known |  |
| Is violent and/or controlling towards victim survivor before, during or after the session | Yes  No  Not known |  |
| Insists on sitting in on appointments with victim survivor | Yes  No  Not known |  |
| Discloses any harm or threat to harm animals or pets | Yes  No  Not known |  |
| Physical signs of violent altercation (on victim survivor or person suspected of using violence) | Yes  No  Not known |  |
| Expresses feelings of excessive anger that is ‘outside their control’ | Yes  No  Not known |  |
| Discloses that they have targeted and/or damaged victim survivor’s property | Yes  No  Not known |  |
| Observed narratives: Minimising or justifying |  |  |
| Minimising physical harm and/or neglectful behaviour | Yes  No  Not known |  |
| Direct comments or euphemisms that could indicate  use of violence | Yes  No  Not known |  |
| Presents or talks about themselves as the real victim  (victim stance) | Yes  No  Not known |  |
| Presents as having difficulty with emotional and/or behavioural regulation | Yes  No  Not known |  |
| Uses impulsivity as a justification of violent and abusive behaviours (may relate to presenting needs such as mental health, use of alcohol/drugs) | Yes  No  Not known |  |
| Observed narrative or behaviour: Practitioner experience | |  |
| Tries to get you [professional] to agree with their negative views about partner or family member [invitation to collude] throughout service engagement, over time | Yes  No  Not known |  |
| Practitioner observes or feels intimidated, manipulated and/or controlled during sessions | Yes  No  Not known |  |
| Immediate risk |  |  |
| Discloses a targeted threat against any person | Yes  No  Not known |  |

# Section 2: Presenting needs and circumstances (related to risk or protective factors)[[1]](#footnote-1)

Identify presenting needs and circumstances that contribute to family violence risk and require support to stabilise or may be strengthened as a protective factor[[2]](#footnote-2)

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| Consider the person’s context: | Note any presenting needs or circumstances that could be stabilised or protective factors that could be strengthenedNote link to any identified risk factors |
| Personal identity, status of relationships/dynamics[[3]](#footnote-3) | |
| Personal identity, attributes and experiences |  |
| Partner – current |  |
| Partner – former |  |
| Children |  |
| Other family members |  |
| Social and community connections[[4]](#footnote-4) | |
| Connection to friends or extended family network |  |
| Connection/sense of belonging to community, cultural groups, networks, social media, clubs |  |
| Presence of systems interventions RF | |
| Police (e.g. family violence safety notices, intervention orders) |  |
| Child Protection |  |
| Court matters (recent, pending, orders) |  |
| Corrections |  |
| Coordinated system interventions, including RAMPs |  |
| Practical or environmental issues | |
| Aboriginal cultural or diverse community support services |  |
| Centrelink or employment servicesRF |  |
| Communication (e.g. access to telephone, social media[[5]](#footnote-5)) |  |
| Counselling services (e.g. alcoholRF and other drugs, RF gambling) |  |
| Counselling (e.g. problematic sexual behavioursRF) |  |
| Disability services |  |
| Financial security, counselling |  |
| Housing or homelessness, tenancy or private rental services |  |
| Legal services |  |
| Medical or mental healthRF |  |
| Migration services |  |
| Transport |  |

# Section 3: Presence of risk factors identified by information sharing, observation or disclosure

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| Information about risk factors present | Source  (Organisation name, contact person)[[6]](#footnote-6)  or Observed, disclosed | Information sought from/shared with Date receivedDetailInformation safety (note if not to be shared with perpetrator)[[7]](#footnote-7) |
| Risk factors relevant to an adult victim’s circumstances | | |
| Physical assault while pregnant/following new birth\* |  |  |
| Self-assessed level of risk |  |  |
| Planning to leave or recent separation\* |  |  |
| Escalation — increase in severity and/or  frequency of violence\* |  |  |
| Imminence |  |  |
| Financial abuse/difficulties |  |  |
| Risk factors for adult or child victim survivors caused by perpetrator behaviours | | |
| Controlling behaviours\* |  |  |
| Access to weapons\* |  |  |
| Use of weapon in most recent event\* |  |  |
| Has ever harmed or threatened to harm victim or family members |  |  |
| Has ever tried to strangle or choke the victim\* |  |  |
| Has ever threatened to kill victim\* |  |  |
| Has ever harmed or threatened to harm or kill pets or other animals\* |  |  |
| Has ever threatened or tried to self-harm or commit suicide[[8]](#footnote-8)\* |  |  |
| Stalking of victim\* |  |  |
| Sexual assault of victim\* |  |  |
| Previous or current breach of court orders/intervention orders |  |  |
| History of family violence |  |  |
| History of violent behaviour  (not family violence) |  |  |
| Obsession/jealous behaviour towards victim\* |  |  |
| Unemployed / disengaged from education\* |  |  |
| Drug and/or alcohol misuse/abuse\* |  |  |
| Mental illness / depression |  |  |
| Isolation |  |  |
| Physical harm |  |  |
| Emotional abuse |  |  |
| Property damage |  |  |
| Risk factors specific to children caused by perpetrator behaviours | | |
| Exposure to family violence |  |  |
| Sexualised behaviours towards  a child by the perpetrator |  |  |
| Child intervention in violence |  |  |
| Behaviour indicating non-return of child |  |  |
| Undermining the child-parent relationship |  |  |
| Professional and statutory intervention |  |  |
| Risk factors specific to children’s circumstances | | |
| History of professional involvement and/or statutory intervention |  |  |
| Change in behaviour not explained by other causes |  |  |
| Child is a victim of other forms of harm |  |  |

# Section 4: Identifying patterns of family violence behaviour and motivation

## Identify pattern of family violence and timeframes related to frequency and recency[[9]](#footnote-9)

### Identified motivations to seek help or support for change about presenting needs or family violence risk behaviours[[10]](#footnote-10)

|  |  |  |
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| Timeframe |  | Identifying frequency, pattern and timeframes of family violenceIdentifying opportunities to engage and respond |
| **Recency:**  1–2 days  1–3 weeks  1–3 months |  |  |
| **Frequency:**  ‘How often has this kind of event occurred?’ (that is,  what is the frequency or number of times this occurred?): | |  |
| Once only / rarely | * A few times per year   Indicates at risk | Consider the scale of the escalation, change in severity and the impact on the victim survivor. |
| Sometimes | * Monthly / at least once a month /  every few weeks * Has the frequency or severity changed/escalated?   May indicate elevated risk |
| Often | * Weekly / at least once a week * Daily * Has the frequency or severity changed/escalated?   May indicate serious risk |
| Always / all the time |

## Motivations/readiness present to seek support (self-reflective related to status / capacity / goals):

Circumstances (stabilisation of presenting needs)

Safety – capacity to empathise with impact of behaviours (adult or child victim survivor, service user (self), community)

Relationship with partner / family member

Relationship with children (identity as parent / carer; bond with children)

Relationship with person in care

Self-worth / identity as better person

Court or system interventions

Direct disclosure

# Section 5: Determining level of risk and describing identified patterns of coercive control

## Level of risk (victim survivor, self and community):

Professional who determined level of risk:[[11]](#footnote-11)

Self

By another professional or service

## Level of risk (adult or child victim survivor)[[12]](#footnote-12)

At risk

Elevated risk

Serious risk

Serious risk and requires immediate protection

## Risk to self (perpetrator suicide or self-harm)

Not indicated

Indicated

Requires immediate intervention

## Risk to community (including you/professional)

Not indicated

Indicated

Requires immediate intervention

## Responding to suspected misidentification:

## Have you used this tool to determine the predominant aggressor? (responding to misidentification)

## Yes - If yes, update your records and share information with other professionals.

No

## Shared with:

## Is further assessment required to determine the predominant aggressor? (if uncertain)

Yes

No

## Identified patterns of coercive controlling family violence behaviours:[[13]](#footnote-13)

## Rationale for risk level:

## Perpetrator Safety Plan completed: [[14]](#footnote-14)

Yes

No

By another professional or service

Unknown

1. Information about needs and circumstances is risk-relevant for purposes of information sharing to support understanding of person using violence in context to their family violence behaviours. [↑](#footnote-ref-1)
2. Needs and circumstances directly related to evidence-based family violence risk factors are identified by an RF symbol. [↑](#footnote-ref-2)
3. Relationship may or may not be with the identified victim survivor. [↑](#footnote-ref-3)
4. Consider if family, social and community connections indicate they reinforce narratives or behaviours. [↑](#footnote-ref-4)
5. Note any other identified methods used by person using violence to contact adult or child victim survivor. [↑](#footnote-ref-5)
6. Risk factor identified from information shared from other service, victim survivor, disclosure from perpetrator, or other source. [↑](#footnote-ref-6)
7. Note whether information should be withheld/safeguarded from perpetrator. [↑](#footnote-ref-7)
8. Refer to suicide and self-harm assessment and safety plan in **Responsibility 4**. [↑](#footnote-ref-8)
9. See information sharing time-based protocols with specialist family violence (perpetrator and victim survivor) services with regard to coordinated service responses supporting perpetrator accountability. Understanding change or escalation to frequency and severity is important in identifying risk of lethality and may indicate if risk is imminent. [↑](#footnote-ref-9)
10. Identifying patterns of coercive control may include family violence targeting retaining a relationship with an adult or child victim survivor, linked to identity as partner/carer or parent/ parenting role. [↑](#footnote-ref-10)
11. Determination of level of risk made by you or another professional/service working with victim survivor (adult or child). [↑](#footnote-ref-11)
12. Refer to levels of risk in **Responsibility 3, 7**. [↑](#footnote-ref-12)
13. Identifying patterns of coercive control may include family violence targeting victim survivor’s identity, experience, needs or circumstances, including through use of systems abuse tactics. [↑](#footnote-ref-13)
14. See **Responsibility 4**. [↑](#footnote-ref-14)