

Generic Risk Indicator (National Risk Framework) Practice Guidelines

The GIRFEC (Getting it right for every child) approach is the key thread running through policy and practice affecting young people, children and their families. At its heart is the National Practice model which provides the foundation for identifying concerns, considering risk and assessing need.

Within North Ayrshire the model we will use to identify concerns will be the My World Triangle, this is one aspect of the National Risk Framework.

This practice guidance is for practitioners who work with adults and have identified that there are children within the family. This tool will enable the practitioner to identify a concern and the level of risk with regards to the child/children.

This tool can be used in different situations depending on individual cases, as a practitioner it is important that you remain professionally curious regarding the impact on the child when supporting an adult in your service.

If you have a concern the tool will support you to:

- { Identify a concern
- { Assess the level of risk
- { Decide on next action to take
- { Involve agencies

The tool is mandatory where there is

- { A Child Protection Concern
- { A Child Protection Investigation
- { A child/children on the Child Protection Register

The use of the tool is also encouraged where there are well-being concerns.

When you have completed the assessment tool you should involve the Lead Professional and Named Person in discussions about your assessment. You should also send the completed tool to both the Lead Professional and Named Person.

If the outcome indicates immediate action, follow your agency's child protection procedures. If the outcome requires further discussion please discuss with your line manager. The tool can also be used in preparation for supervision sessions.