

S T A B I L I T Y

RISK FACTORS

	Rate (Y/N) if either of the following demographic risk factors apply.	Yes	No	Guidance reference
Child factors				
Age	Is the C/YP aged over 12 years old?			1.1

	Rate the extent to which these potential risk factors affect, or have affected, the child or young person. Rate each factor as Current if it applies in last 2 months, or Historic if it applies less recently (note: it is possible that both Current/Historic will apply for a given factor). If a factor is not applicable, please leave blank.	Current	Historic	Guidance reference
Child factors				
Externalising behaviour	Is the C/YP displaying aggression, oppositional behaviour and/or offending?			1.2
Mental health problems	Is the C/YP experiencing signs of depression, anxiety, psychosis and/or self-harm?			1.3
Abuse	Is there evidence of neglect, physical, emotional and/or sexual abuse?			1.3
Child/young person's perception of placement	Is the C/YP worried that this placement may be temporary (perceived or real)?			1.4
Experience of placement instability	Does the C/YP have a history of unstable placements, i.e. breakdown of a longterm placement or has the C/YP experienced multiple moves?			1.4
Experience of residential care	Has the C/YP experienced residential care?			1.4
Birth family factors				
Parental substance misuse/alcohol abuse	Are birth parents misusing drugs or alcohol?			1.5
Criminality	Are birth parents involved in crime or in prison?			1.6
Death of parent	Has the C/YP experienced the death of a parent or other caregiver?			1.7
Placement factors				
Siblings	Are the C/YP's siblings placed separately?			1.8
Other foster children in	Are there any other foster children in the placement?			1.9

placement				
Foster carers' own children	Are the foster carers' birth children within a 5-year age range of the C/YP?			1.9
Carer factors				
Carer expectations	Does the carer have unrealistic expectations of C/YP (e.g. is the carer unprepared for behavioural problems, or expecting gratitude from C/YP)?			1.10
Carer stress	Has the carer experienced stressful life events before or during placement?			1.11
Relationship factors				
Carer-social worker	Are there any difficulties in the relationship between yourself and the foster carer?			1.12
Child-carer	Are there any perceived difficulties in the relationship between the carer and the child?			1.13
Child-birth parent	Is the contact with parent(s) inconsistent, critical or negative (e.g. does the C/YP express distress, confusion or disruptive behaviour, before or after contact)?			1.14

PROTECTIVE FACTORS

	As above, rate each factor as Current if it applies in last 2 months, or Historic if it applies less recently. If a factor is not applicable, please leave blank.	Current	Historic	Guidance reference
Child factors				
Education	Is the C/YP achieving their potential at school/ college?			2.1
Social development	Does the C/YP have good, meaningful friendships?			2.1
Leisure/interests	Is the C/YP involved in activities that they enjoy?			2.1
Carer factors				
Carer family support	Does the carer have long-term partnership/mutual commitment from partners and other family members?			2.2
Social support	Does the foster carer have a developed social support networks (e.g. supportive friends, neighbours, colleagues)?			2.2
Carer parenting ability	Has the carer been able to develop effective parenting skills?			2.3
Relationship factors				
Role models	Does the C/YP have contact with positive, non-family role models (e.g. youth leader or sports coach)?			2.4
SW continuity	Has the C/YP had ≤ 2 SWs in the first 3 years of care?			2.5
Positive child-SW relationship	Has the C/YP been able to develop a positive working relationship with you?			2.5
Positive child-carer relationship	Has the C/YP been able to develop a positive relationship with their carer?			1.13
Managed contact with birth family	Is contact with parents, siblings and/or extended family arranged and attended?			1.14