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Fair Access to Care Services Policy - Devon's Eligibility Criteria for Adult Care Services

Appendix 4

Levels of Risk

<p>Critical risks to independence / harm or danger may occur in the present time when:</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A person's survival and life is at immediate risk. • Serious abuse has occurred. • Acute mental breakdown or severe enduring mental illness. • The person has no awareness of common dangers / puts themselves at risk / is unable to make their needs known. • The individual needs extensive and constant care and support either time limited / ongoing / intermittent. • Carer relationship has collapsed and the person needs care and support. • Accommodation presents a grossly hazardous environment or person is homeless.
<p>Substantial risks to independence / harm or danger may occur either now or in the next three months when:</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The individual needs extensive care and support either time limited / ongoing / intermittent. • The individual needs to regain their independence, abilities or role. • Carer relationship is very stressed and at risk of collapse and the person needs care and support. • Episodes of severe mental illness. • The person shows little awareness of common dangers. • Changes are required to accommodation to overcome major difficulties, such as access. • Absence of occupational activity or social contacts is causing person distress and deterioration.
<p>Moderate risks to independence / harm or danger may occur either now or in the next twelve months.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Person can make needs known and ask for appropriate assistance when needed. • The individual needs assistance with some daily household chores / personal care and home environment and can either arrange for self or has someone who will do so. • Some concerns about mental health with

	<p>occasional distress.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Carer is managing but has occasional difficulties and has limited support networks to call upon. • Accommodation presents some difficulties. • Absence of occupational activity or social contact is detrimental to a person's quality of life.
<p>Low risks to independence / harm or danger may occur.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Person can make needs known and ask for / arrange appropriate help when required. • Carer has good support network to call upon. • Unable to pursue preferred occupational or social activity which has a potential impact on quality of life.

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