



## Checklist No 7: Information to be Considered as Part of a Multi-Agency Assessment (GOPR2)<sup>7</sup>

*Who can use this Checklist and when can it be used?*

All practitioners and managers in all services/agencies can use this Checklist to inform a holistic assessment of the Impact of problematic alcohol and/or drug use on a child/young person's Wellbeing . This is a self-reflective Checklist which can be completed with or without the child/young person and/or their parent/carer.

### How I Grow and Develop: GIRFEC Practice Model & My World Triangle

Name of Child or Young Person		Age		Date of Birth	
No	Question	Yes	No	Not Sure	Notes
1	<i>Is there adequate food, clothing and warmth for the child?</i>				
2	<i>Are height and weight normal for the child's age and stage of development?</i>				
3	<i>Is the child receiving appropriate nutrition and exercise?</i>				
4	<i>Is the child's health and development consistent with their age and stage of development?</i>				
5	<i>Has the child received necessary immunisations?</i>				

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<sup>7</sup> Source: Developed from *Getting our Priorities Right: Updated Good Practice Guidance For All Agencies and Practitioners Working With Children, Young People and Families Affected By Problematic Alcohol and/or Drug Use* (Scottish Government: April 2013).

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No	Question	Yes	No	Not Sure	Notes
6	<i>Is the child registered with a GP and a dentist?</i>				
7	<i>Does the parent/carer seek health care for the child appropriately?</i>				
8	<i>Does the child attend nursery or school regularly? If not, why not? Is he/she achieving appropriate academic attainment?</i>				
9	<i>Is the child engaged in age-appropriate activities?</i>				
10	<i>Does the child present any behavioural or emotional problems?</i>				
11	<i>How does the child relate to unfamiliar adults?</i>				
12	<i>Is there evidence of drug/alcohol use by the child?</i>				
13	<i>Does the child know about his/her parent/carer's substance use?</i>				
14	<i>Does the child have an understanding of the parent/carer's substance use?</i>				
15	<i>Does the child have appropriate attachment with his/her main carer?</i>				

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No	Question	Yes	No	Not Sure	Notes
16	<i>Do the children know where the drugs/alcohol are kept?</i>				
17	<i>Are there any indications that the child is taking on a parenting role within the family (eg caring for other children, excessive household responsibilities, etc)?</i>				
18	<i>Is the care for the child consistent and reliable?</i>				
19	<i>Are the child's emotional needs being adequately met?</i>				
20	<i>Who normally looks after the child?</i>				

## What is the information telling me?

Using this Checklist, analyse the information gathered and ask yourself the key question, **“what is this information telling me?”**.

Consider the information gathered and identify the key risk factors for the child or young person or the parent/carer and their wider world. The Checklist will highlight the specific areas of concern/need/risk (your evidence) and should give you an overview of what you consider to be the key issues.

Now form a view as to the level of concern/need/risk for the child or young person or the parent/carer, taking account of the interaction between the child or young person or the parent/carer and their wider world.

What is the information telling you about the level of concern/need/risk?

**What is the information telling me about the level of concern/need/risk?** (Consider frequency, duration, severity, single or accumulative in nature - significance of factors in reaching a conclusion about the level of concern/need/risk).

**What am I going to do next?**

<b>Date Completed</b>		<b>Completed By</b>		<b>Line Manager</b>	
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