

Risk Matrix

		Likelihood				
		Rare	Unlikely	Possible	Likely	Almost Certain
Consequences	Major	Moderate	High	High	Critical	Critical
	Significant	Moderate	Moderate	High	High	Critical
	Moderate	Low	Moderate	Moderate	High	High
	Minor	Very low	Low	Moderate	Moderate	Moderate
	Insignificant	Very low	Very low	Low	Moderate	Moderate

Likelihood:

The risk matrix includes five levels of likelihood, which are described below:

Likelihood	Description
Rare	Very unlikely – the event may occur only in exceptional circumstances
Unlikely	Improbable – the event is not likely to occur in normal circumstances
Possible	Potential – the event could occur at some time
Likely	Probable – the event will probably occur in most circumstances
Almost certain	Very likely – the event is expected to occur in most circumstances

Consequence The risk matrix includes five levels of consequence: insignificant, minor, moderate, significant and major. This takes into account the impact, or potential impact, of an event including its scale and duration. A consequence might affect the safety and wellbeing of children at the service, their family or the wider community.