**Risk Enablement Plan – Guidance Notes**

Taking risks is part of everyday life. Sometimes taking a risk can be positive. Even if the outcome is not so good, you might say, “Well I tried it, it didn’t work, but I’ve learned something”. However, taking risks can lead to you, or someone else being hurt or harmed. ‘Risk enablement planning’ is a way of stopping and thinking about the possible risks and deciding if it is possible to change things so there is less chance of anyone coming to harm and if you (and others involved) can cope with any remaining risk. Firstly, it’s helpful to think about how badly you (or anyone else) would be affected if you simply went ahead and got on with the task or activity without making any changes at all. This is called the ‘severity’ of the risk and you score it between 1 and 4 (where 4 is **the worst possible thing** that could happen, such as risk to you, or someone’s life). You need to balance that against the actual chances of things going wrong – this is the ‘likelihood’ of the risk, which you also score between 1 and 4 (where 4 means it is **certain** to happen). You will need a separate plan for each risk and your Adult Social Care Practitioner will use the plan as evidence of your decision making.

Risk Matrix:

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| **Likelihood** | **Severity** |
| **1. No risk of injury/harm** | **2. Slight risk of injury/harm** | **3. Moderate risk of injury/harm** | **4. Serious risk to life** |
| **4. Certain to happen** | Low | Significant | High | High |
| **3. Likely to happen** | Low | Moderate | Significant  | High |
| **2. Moderately likely to happen** | Low | Moderate | Significant | High |
| **1. Unlikely to happen** | Low | Low | Moderate | Significant |

# Risk Enablement Plan

Owner(s) of this risk enablement plan: ………………………………………………………………Date of Plan:………………………….

Person responsible for the review:…………………………………………………………………… Review Date:………………………….

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| **What are we worried about?** | **What might happen?** *What is the risk? What might be the benefit?* | **What could go wrong?** *Potential harm caused to me or someone else.* | **What could be done to reduce the risk?** | **What plan have we agreed?** |
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| **Risk Severity (1-4)** *see Matrix* **Risk Likelihood (1-4)** *see Matrix*  | **Updated Risk Severity (1-4)** *see Matrix***Updated Risk Likelihood (1-4)** *see Matrix* |
| Risk Rating:Low Moderate Significant High | New Risk Rating:Low Moderate Significant High |

Signed by owner(s) of risk assessment: ………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………