***Signs of Safety Harm Analysis Matrix***

*When assessing child abuse and neglect it is crucial to gather specific, detailed information about the harm. This involves clearly identifying the harmful behaviour, its severity and frequency and impact on the child. The matrix below is designed to assist professionals to develop questions to gather detailed information from referrers.*

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| ChronicityAction/Impact | **Duration** | **First incident** | **Worst Incident** | **Last Incident** |
| **Behaviour**The behaviour that is dangerous or causing harm.This is usually adult behaviourbut can be a young person’s behaviour. Avoid generalisedstatements, focus instead ondetailed, observable behaviour. |  |  |  |  |
| **Severity**Explores how bad the harmful behaviour is. |  |  |  |  |
| **Impact**The most crucial informationregarding any referral ofharmful or dangerousbehaviour toward children is toascertain the impact of thesebehaviours on the childincluding both physical andemotional impact |  |  |  |  |

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