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**Overview**

This standard covers applying risk reduction processes for individuals who are at risk of harm.

Risk is taken to mean the probability that events and behaviours carry the possibility of adverse outcomes.

It includes carrying out risk assessments and interventions.

**There are two elements**

- 1 Implement processes to reduce risk of harm
- 2 Review risk of harm cases

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**Performance  
criteria**
**Implement processes to reduce risk of harm****You must be able to:**

- P1 apply risk reduction processes in custodial environments in accordance with legislation and your organisation's procedures, and processes for:
  - P1.1 suicide prevention
- P2 remove physical risk factors where possible in accordance with your organisation's procedures
- P3 carry out agreed interventions within timescales in accordance with your organisation's procedures
- P4 seek assistance from relevant people in accordance with your organisation's procedures
- P5 deal with individuals in ways which promote positive behaviour in accordance with your organisation's procedures, and
  - P5.1 attitudes
- P6 share information with relevant people throughout risk reduction processes in accordance with your organisation's procedures

**Review risk of harm cases****You must be able to:**

- P7 record outcomes of interventions completed in accordance with your organisation's procedures
- P8 review location of individuals within custodial environments in accordance with your organisation's procedures
- P9 review risk assessments of individuals in accordance with your organisation's procedures
- P10 refer individuals to relevant support services in accordance with your organisation's procedures
- P11 review sources of information to identify individuals' risk triggers in accordance with your organisation's procedures
- P12 take part in individuals' review meetings in accordance with your organisation's procedures

**Knowledge and  
understanding**

**You need to know and  
understand:**

- K1 legislation, organisational policies and procedures to be followed
- K2 the importance to act with empathy
- K3 how to act with empathy
- K4 the range of risk reduction processes
- K5 how to apply risk reduction processes
- K6 how to recognise static and dynamic risk factors
- K7 how to address static and dynamic risk factors
- K8 the range of interventions used with individuals
- K9 how to apply interventions
- K10 who to seek assistance from
- K11 how to demonstrate positive behaviour when dealing with individuals
- K12 methods for sharing information, including:
  - K11.1 who to share information with
  - K11.2 who you should disclose information to
- K13 how to complete required records
- K14 how location affects individuals at risk of harm
- K15 how to review risk assessments
- K16 referral procedures for individuals
- K17 sources of information available on individuals at risk of harm
- K18 the range of triggers for different individuals
- K19 what you need to provide at review meetings

## Additional Information

### Glossary

**Relevant people** refer to individuals, others relevant or significant to individuals, staff in your own agency or staff from other agencies.

**Risk** is taken to mean 'the probability that an event or behaviour carrying the possibility of an adverse or negative outcome will occur', (Kemshall, 1998).

Within custodial care aspects of risk include re-offending, risk of harm to self, risk of harm to others, risk of harm to property that would harm others.

**Organisational procedures** can include prison service instructions, prison policies, legislative policies and any other policies and procedures used across custodial care in the UK.

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### Reduce risk of harm in custodial environments

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