

## Risk Register - Children's Services

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Risk Code	Risk Event	Primary Risk Category	Secondary Risk Categories	Risk Type	Responsible Person	Active	Causes	Risk Effects	Initial Risk Rating	Proximity	Existing Controls	RiskTreatment	Revised Risk Rating	Risk Action Title
ES&CSCS01	Clients are at risk of significant harm	Reputational		Operational Risk	Jack Libby - Chief Social Work Officer / Head of Children's Services	Active	More cases with a greater degree of complexity. Rate of referrals to Children and Families has increased of the last two years coinciding with efficiency savings. Service has now had to introduce a waiting list for outreach respite and short break care.	Significant harm comes to the client. The Comhairle could face reputational and financial damage. Legal action against Comhairle.	Medium	Current	Enhanced governance structures in place. Self evaluation and quality assurance. Supervision and more regular case file audits	Retain the threat	Medium	
ES&CSCS04	Lack of sufficient local placements	Budget / Financial		Operational Risk	Jack Libby - Chief Social Work Officer / Head of Children's Services	Active	Lack of Carers Lack of Residential Capacity due to budget cuts Lack of suitable educational provision	Placing a Young person in a placement that does not match their needs Young person may have to move from their own community	High	Current	Whole family support model in place	Reduce the threat	Medium	Review existing out of placement provision and possibility of redirecting spend towards fostering