

## Dependency – Prioritising

Priority	Definition	Example / Impact (Residential)	Example / Impact (Domiciliary)
<b>Red</b>	<p><b>Highest risk where serious harm or loss of life may occur</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•There is an immediate risk to the persons survival</li> <li>•Serious abuse to self or others has occurred, or is suspected to the extent that protection measures are required</li> <li>•There are extensive and constant care and support needs on an ongoing or time limited basis that, if not met, present an immediate risk to the person or others.</li> <li>•The carer relationship(s) has collapsed and there is a need for immediate care and support or there is no existing carer relationship.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Unable to communicate needs</li> <li>- High risk of aspirating. Or Unable to take food or drink by mouth, nutrition via artificial means, PEG, NG, subcutaneous</li> <li>- End of life care</li> <li>- Not able to weight bear, transfers using manual handling equipment with one/two carers, chair or bed bound.</li> <li>- frequent checks throughout day and night</li> <li>- Doubly incontinent of urine and faeces, and/ or frequent UTI's</li> <li>- Agitation and disruptive behaviour during night requiring increased level of management</li> <li>- Unsociable behaviour daily or on most days requiring specialist management</li> <li>- High level of cognitive impairment or mental illness that places them at risk</li> <li>- Continuous pain control and monitoring required</li> <li>- Existing pressure wound/tissue viability concerns</li> <li>- All hygiene/dressing requirements provided by one carer or two carers</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Time specific medication</li> <li>- Full support for meals and drinks</li> <li>- No NOK/appropriate individuals able to support</li> <li>- Unable to communicate needs</li> <li>- End of life care</li> <li>- Not able to weight bear, transfers using manual handling equipment with one/two carers, <u>chair or</u> bed bound.</li> <li>- Doubly incontinent of urine and faeces, and/ or frequent UTI's</li> <li>- High level of cognitive impairment or mental illness that places them at risk</li> <li>- Continuous pain control and monitoring required</li> <li>- Existing pressure wound/tissue viability concerns</li> <li>- All hygiene/dressing requirements provided by one carer or two carers</li> </ul>

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<b>Amber</b>	<p><b>Significant risk where harm may occur now or in the near future</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•Abuse to self or others has occurred or is at risk of occurring</li> <li>•There are extensive care and support needs on an ongoing or time limited basis.</li> <li>•Absence or inadequacy of care and support is causing the person significant distress and their health to deteriorate</li> <li>•The carer relationship(s) is at risk of collapse and the person needs care and support or there is no existing carer relationship</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Able to take food and drink by mouth but needs full assistance. Intake needs monitoring</li> <li>- Doubly incontinent of urine and faeces, and/ or frequent UTI's</li> <li>- Covert administration/warfarin/additional monitoring due to SALT issues</li> <li>- Long periods of restlessness and wandering during the night requiring management</li> <li>- Regular occurrence of unsociable behaviour requiring management</li> <li>- At risk of pressure areas, current pressure area or wound regular turning regime in place/dressing in place</li> <li>- Moderate to high level of cognitive impairment or mental illness requiring supervision and assistance with ADL and safety needs</li> <li>- Occasional pain management required PRN</li> <li>- Needs high level of assistance to maintain own hygiene/dressing</li> <li>- Able to weight bear for transfers, may need assistance of one carer with or without mobility aids</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Medication but not time specific</li> <li>- Able to access snacks/drinks or able to access snacks and drinks if prepared and made available, requires support with hot meals</li> <li>- Doubly incontinent of urine and faeces, and/ or frequent UTI's</li> <li>- At risk of pressure areas, current pressure area or wound regular turning regime in place/dressing in place</li> <li>- Moderate to high level of cognitive impairment or mental illness requiring supervision and assistance with ADL and safety needs</li> <li>- Needs high level of assistance to maintain own hygiene/dressing</li> <li>- Able to weight bear for transfers, may need assistance of one carer with or without mobility aids</li> <li>- NOK or <u>other</u> appropriate individual occasionally able to support</li> </ul>

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<b>Green</b>	<p><b>Moderate/ lower risk where harm may occur if action is not taken in the longer term</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•There are some care and/or support needs that will, if not met, impair the persons longer term capacity to regain, maintain or sustain their independence or living arrangements</li> <li>•The person can make their needs known and ask for appropriate assistance when needed.</li> <li>•The carer relationship (s) is under strain and unlikely to be sustainable in the longer term.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Able to take food and drink by mouth without assistance, some assistance required e.g. cutting up food, special utensils</li> <li>- Self-medicating/routine administration of medicines</li> <li>- Sleeps and rests well</li> <li>- No evidence of unsociable behaviour</li> <li>- Mild confusion, short term memory loss or mental illness requiring some supervision and assistance with activities of living</li> <li>- No signs of pain/intermittent pain management required</li> <li>- Interventions required to prevent pressure damage/or skin intact no concerns</li> <li>- Needs regular assistance with hygiene and dressing</li> <li>- Fully ambulant/ wanders but at risk of falling, may need assistance of one carer with or without mobility aids</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- No medication needs/medication management by an appropriate individual i.e. family/friends</li> <li>- Able to access snacks/drinks independently or can be provided by an appropriate individual</li> <li>- Mild confusion, short term memory loss or mental illness requiring some supervision and assistance with activities of living</li> <li>- Interventions required to prevent pressure damage/or skin intact no concerns</li> <li>- Needs regular assistance with hygiene and dressing, but able to manage some tasks independently</li> <li>- Fully ambulant/ wanders but at risk of falling, may need assistance of one carer with or without mobility aids</li> <li>- NOK or other appropriate individual able to support</li> </ul>