

Housing First Scotland Pathfinder Evaluation

New Directions Team Assessment

To be completed by a support worker at a service user's point of recruitment to Housing First and at six monthly intervals thereafter (i.e. 6 months, 12 months, 18 months, and 24 months). Wherever possible, the same person should conduct all of the assessments for an individual service user. The assessment should not be conducted in the presence of the service user.

Service user name: _____

Name of staff member carrying out assessment: _____

Date assessment conducted: _____

Select ONE statement that best applies to the person being assessed. Base all scores on the past one month.

1. Engagement with frontline services

- 0 = Rarely misses appointments or routine activities; always complies with reasonable requests; actively engaged in tenancy/treatment
- 1 = Usually keeps appointments and routine activities; usually complies with reasonable requests; involved in tenancy/treatment
- 2 = Follows through some of the time with daily routines or other activities; usually complies with reasonable requests; is minimally involved in tenancy/treatment
- 3 = Non-compliant with routine activities or reasonable requests; does not follow daily routine, though may keep some appointments.
- 4 = Does not engage at all or keep appointments

2. Intentional self harm

- 0 = No concerns about risk of deliberate self-harm or suicide attempt
- 1 = Minor concerns about risk of deliberate self-harm or suicide attempt
- 2 = Definite indicators of risk of deliberate self-harm or suicide attempt
- 3 = High risk to physical safety as a result of deliberate self-harm or suicide attempt
- 4 = Immediate risk to physical safety as a result of deliberate self-harm or suicide attempt

3. Unintentional self harm

- 0 = No concerns about unintentional risk to physical safety
- 1 = Minor concerns about unintentional risk to physical safety
- 2 = Definite indicators of unintentional risk to physical safety
- 3 = High risk to physical safety as a result of self-neglect, unsafe behaviour or inability to maintain a safe environment
- 4 = Immediate risk to physical safety as a result of self-neglect, unsafe behaviour or inability to maintain a safe environment

4. Risk to others

- 0 = No concerns about risk to physical safety or property of others
- 2 = Minor antisocial behaviour
- 4 = Risk to property and/or minor risk to physical safety of others
- 6 = High risk to physical safety of others as a result of dangerous behaviour or offending/criminal behaviour
- 8 = Immediate risk to physical safety of others as a result of dangerous behaviour or offending/criminal behaviour

5. Risk from others

- 0 = No concerns about risk of abuse or exploitation from other individuals or society
- 2 = Minor concerns about risk of abuse or exploitation from other individuals or society
- 4 = Definite risk of abuse or exploitation from other individuals or society
- 6 = Probably occurrence of abuse or exploitation from other individuals or society
- 8 = Evidence of abuse or exploitation from other individuals or society

6. Stress and anxiety

- 0 = Normal response to stressors
- 1 = Somewhat reactive to stress, has some coping skills, responsive to limited intervention
- 2 = Moderately reactive to stress; needs support in order to cope
- 3 = Obvious reactivity; very limited problem solving in response to stress; becomes hostile and aggressive to others
- 4 = Severe reactivity to stressors, self-destructive, antisocial, or have other outward manifestations

7. Social Effectiveness

- 0 = Social skills are within the normal range
- 1 = Is generally able to carry out social interactions with minor deficits, can generally engage in give-and-take conversation with only minor disruption
- 2 = Marginal social skills, sometimes creates interpersonal friction; sometimes inappropriate
- 3 = Uses only minimal social skills, cannot engage in give-and-take of instrumental or social conversations; limited response to social cues; inappropriate
- 4 = Lacking in almost any social skills; inappropriate response to social cues; aggressive

8. Alcohol / Drug Abuse (including illegal street drugs as well as abuse of over-the-counter and prescribed medication)

- 0 = Abstinence; no use of alcohol or drugs during rating period
- 1 = Occasional use of alcohol or abuse of drugs without impairment
- 2 = Some use of alcohol or abuse of drugs with some effect on functioning; sometimes inappropriate to others
- 3 = Recurrent use of alcohol or abuse of drugs which causes significant effect on functioning; aggressive behaviour to others
- 4 = Drug/alcohol dependence; daily abuse of alcohol or drugs which causes severe impairment of functioning; inability to function in community secondary to alcohol/drug abuse; aggressive behaviour to others; criminal activity to support alcohol or drug use

9. Impulse control

- 0 = No noteworthy incidents
- 1 = Maybe one or two lapses of impulse control; minor temper outbursts/aggressive actions, such as attention-seeking behaviour which is not threatening or dangerous
- 2 = Some temper outbursts/aggressive behaviour; moderate severity; at least one episode of behaviour that is dangerous or threatening
- 3 = Impulsive acts which are fairly often and/or of moderate severity
- 4 = Frequent and/or severe outbursts/aggressive behaviour, e.g., behaviours which could lead to criminal charges / Anti Social Behaviour Orders / risk to or from others / property

10. Housing

- 0 = Settled accommodation; very low housing support needs
- 1 = Settled accommodation; low to medium housing support needs
- 2 = Living in short-term / temporary accommodation; medium to high housing support needs
- 3 = Immediate risk of loss of accommodation; living in short-term / temporary accommodation; high housing support needs
- 4 = Rough sleeping / "sofa surfing"

SCORING

Please insert the assessed score against each criterion point and add up the total score.

Criterion	Score
1. Engagement with frontline services	
2. Intentional self-harm	
3. Unintentional self harm	
4. Risk to others	
5. Risk from others	
6. Stress and anxiety	
7. Social effectiveness	
8. Alcohol/ drug abuse	
9. Impulse control	
10. Housing	
TOTAL SCORE	/48