**Resource 2: DARAC risk assessment matrix**

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Use the DARAC risk assessment matrix to summarise your judgement of the level of risk in each area. Mark each subscale with an ‘X’ as to whether you assess it as level 1, 2, 3 or 4. When you have completed all the subscales, use your professional judgement to assess the overall level of risk to the child.

**Child name: Completed by: Date:**

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| **Mother** | **Level 1 (lower risk)** | **Level 2 (moderate risk)** | **Level 3 (serious risk)** | **Level 4 (severe risk)** |
| Level and pattern of domestic violence |  |  |  |  |
| Behaviour/wellbeing |  |  |  |  |
| Help-seeking behaviour |  |  |  |  |
| Openness and availability of information |  |  |  |  |
| **Overall assessment of risk relating to mother** |  |  |  |  |

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| **Perpetrator** | **Level 1 (lower risk)** | **Level 2 (moderate risk)** | **Level 3 (serious risk)** | **Level 4 (severe risk)** |
| Level and pattern of domestic violence |  |  |  |  |
| Behaviour/wellbeing |  |  |  |  |
| Help-seeking behaviour |  |  |  |  |
| Accountability and remorse |  |  |  |  |
| **Overall assessment of risk relating to perpetrator** |  |  |  |  |

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| **Child** | **Level 1 (lower risk)** | **Level 2 (moderate risk)** | **Level 3 (serious risk)** | **Level 4 (severe risk)** |
| Level and pattern of child exposure to domestic violence |  |  |  |  |
| Ability to use safety strategies |  |  |  |  |
| Experiencing other types of abuse |  |  |  |  |
| Behaviour/wellbeing |  |  |  |  |
| Family context |  |  |  |  |
| **Overall assessment of risk relating to child** |  |  |  |  |

Comments and summary of assessment of risk to child: Actions required: