



Cuckooing Risk Identification Tool

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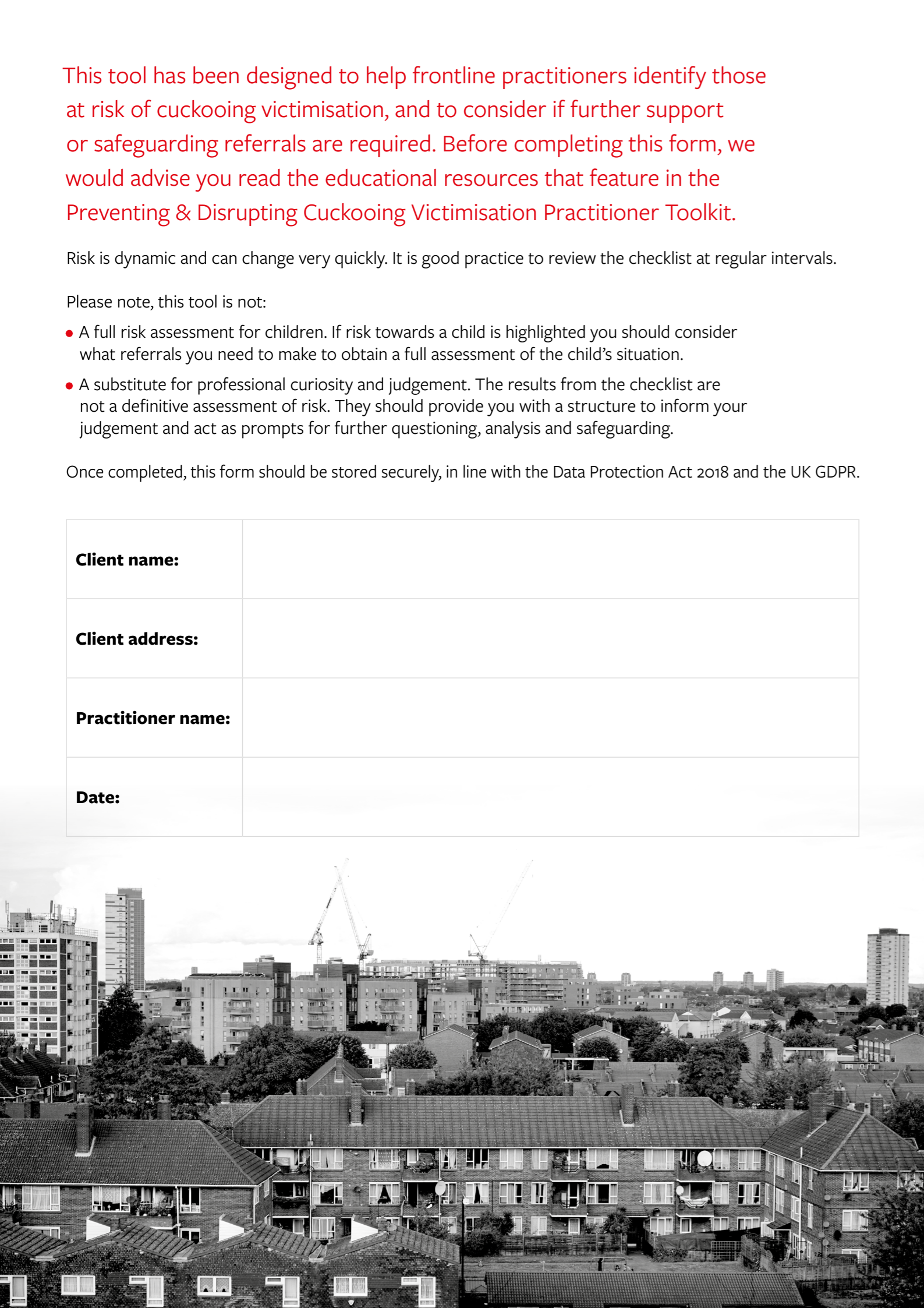
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This tool has been designed to help frontline practitioners identify those at risk of cuckooing victimisation, and to consider if further support or safeguarding referrals are required. Before completing this form, we would advise you read the educational resources that feature in the Preventing & Disrupting Cuckooing Victimisation Practitioner Toolkit.

Risk is dynamic and can change very quickly. It is good practice to review the checklist at regular intervals.

Please note, this tool is not:

- A full risk assessment for children. If risk towards a child is highlighted you should consider what referrals you need to make to obtain a full assessment of the child's situation.
- A substitute for professional curiosity and judgement. The results from the checklist are not a definitive assessment of risk. They should provide you with a structure to inform your judgement and act as prompts for further questioning, analysis and safeguarding.

Once completed, this form should be stored securely, in line with the Data Protection Act 2018 and the UK GDPR.

Client name:	
Client address:	
Practitioner name:	
Date:	

Tick the box if the factor is present. Please use the comment box at the end of the form to expand on any answer. It is assumed that your main source of information is your client. If this is not the case, please indicate this in the right hand column.

	Yes	No	Don't Know	Source of information
Has previously been cuckooed				

Housing

Lives in a disadvantaged area				
Lives in an area where County Lines activity is known to be taking place				
Lives in a property rented from a social or private landlord				
Lives in a property that can easily be accessed in the back (e.g. an alleyway)				
Lives in a block of flats				
Lives in an area where cuckooing has been suspected or reported				

Vulnerabilities

Lives alone				
Is elderly				
Suffered a recent bereavement				
Is socially disconnected and/or lonely				
Is a single parent or carer				
Has a history of being in the care system or is a recent care leaver				
Is involved in sex work				
Is currently, or has previously been, neglected or abused				
Struggles financially and/or is in debt				

Health

Has a mental health condition				
Has a learning disability and/or is neurodivergent				
Has a physical disability				
Is dependent on prescription and/or non-prescription drugs				
Is dependent on alcohol				
Is in recovery from drug and/or alcohol addiction				
Regularly collects prescriptions from a pharmacy				

	Yes	No	Don't Know	Source of information
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Network

Is involved in sex work				
Has known connections to the drug-user community				
Has known connections to organised crime, including County Lines operatives				
Has known connections to those who are homeless or experiencing housing precarity				
Total 'yes' responses				

Practitioners' Notes