

GLOSSARY

Adverse Event	An event that could have caused, or did result in, harm to people or groups of people.
Consequence	Most predictable consequence to the individual or organisation if the circumstances in question were to occur.
Dangerous Occurrence	Category of specific types of event reportable through RIDDOR.
Harm	As an outcome with a negative effect. Harm to a person or groups of people may result from worsening of a medical condition, that inherent risk of the investigation or treatment, system failure, provider performance issues, service distributions, financial loss or adverse publicity. Organisational damage or loss, or injury, damage, disease, suffering, disability or death in relation to an individual or individuals.
Likelihood	Probability of an event occurring, wherever possible based upon the frequency of previous occurrences.
Near Miss	An act of omission or commission which may have had the potential for harm but through luck or robust physiology had no ill effect on the patient or staff member. This can also relate to property and environmental damage.
Reduce Risk	Take action to control the risk either by taking actions which lessen the likelihood of the risk occurring or the consequences of occurrence.
RIDDOR	A RIDDOR Reportable Event is an event reportable to the Health & Safety Executive (HSE) under the Reporting of Injuries, Diseases and Dangerous Occurrences Regulations 2013 (as amended).
Risk	The chance of something happening that will impact on the organisation's ability to achieve its objectives. The frequency of the risk occurring & the impact or severity if it does.
Risk Grading	Matrix to classify the significance of an adverse event or potential risk.
Risk Management	Incorporates all the activities required to identify and control the exposure to risk which may have an impact on the achievement of an organisation's objectives.
Significant Adverse Event	Defined as an unexpected or avoidable event: resulting in unexpected death, significant harm (includes negative physical and emotional impact) to a patient, their family, staff, visitor, that may have required intervention to save life; or resulting in significant harm to the organisation including property and / or environmental damage.