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Appendix 1 Profile of Risk of EBSA

The PRE Schedule consists of five key areas, each of which contain a number of items you are asked to consider in terms of their possible importance in influencing an emotionally based attendance problem. The rationale for the schedule content is based on risk factors identified in the guidance.

When completing the schedule, it is important to be as objective as possible, and to base assessments on evidence. Thus it is recommended that completion of the schedule is a joint venture, wherein checking and questioning can lead to the best judgements in terms of item importance.

During the process of completing the schedule, it may be useful to note factors associated with particular items, such as:
☐This has been an issue in the past, but doesn't appear to be now.
\Box This has been an issue in the past and has persisted as an important item.

Items are not quantified by a typical rating scale. This is because it may be that one single item (e.g. death of a parent) is so important it cannot be rated numerically in the same way other items might be rated. Its influence could be proportionately much greater than a rating scale could accommodate. As such the schedule asks you to make notes on the key items of importance you identify. These can then be visually represented in the five overlapping circles that follow the schedule.

If the resultant profile suggests to you that the pupil is at risk of emotionally based school refusal, the next step is to obtain the views of the pupil, parents and other staff.

Profile of Risk of EBSA								
	Level	Level of concern						
Loss and Change	High	Med	Low	Not an issue	Not known			
Death of parent, relative, friend								
Death of pet								
Sudden traumatic event								
Sudden separation form a parent								
Moving house, school, area								
Loss of a classmate								
Parent, relative, friend illness								
Note on key items								
Family Dynamic	High	Med	Low	Not an issue	Not known			
Inappropriate parenting								
Birth of new child								
Parents separated								

Note on key items

Parents arguing/fighting

Problems with parental control

Jealous of sibling at home

Practical problems bringing the child to school

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Curriculum /Learning issues	High	Med	Low	Not an issue	Not known
Low levels of literacy					
PE and/ or games issues					
General learning difficulties					
Specific subject difficulties					
Exam or test anxiety					
Difficulties with a particular teacher/adult					
Problems keeping up in lessons					

Note on key items

Social Personal	High	Med	Low	Not an issue	Not known
Being bullied					
Seems to have few friend/ firendship issues					
English as a second language					
Dislikes play/ break times					
Few leisure interests					

Note on key items

Psychological Wellbeing	High	Med	Low	Not an issue	Not known
Often seems tired					
Low self esteem					
Appears depressed					
Appears anxious					
Keeps feelings to themselves					
Has a pessimistic nature					
Other issues	High	Med	Low	Not an	Not known
				issue	Known
Note on key items					

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Overview of key risk factors actors identified

