

Appendix 2 - Risk Scoring Mechanism

The measures of likelihood are:

Description	Example Detail Description
6	Almost certain – More than a 90% chance
5	Highly likely – 70% to 90% chance
4	More likely than not – 50% to 70% chance
3	Might happen, but probably not – 30% to 50% chance
2	Unlikely to happen – A 10% to 30% chance
1	Very unlikely – Less than a 10% chance

The measures of impact are:

Severity	Example Detail Description
4	Medium term loss of service capability Adverse UK wide publicity Litigation almost certain and difficult to defend Corporate budget realignment Breaches of law punishable by imprisonment
3	Short term loss of service capability Adverse Wales wide publicity Litigation to be expected Budget adjustment across service areas Breaches of law punishable by fines only
2	Short term disruption to service capability Adverse local publicity High potential for complaint, litigation possible Financial implications contained within the Directorates Breaches of regulations/standards
1	No significant disruption to service capability Unlikely to cause any adverse publicity Unlikely to cause complaint or litigation Financial implications contained within the service area Breaches of local procedures or standards.