**Risk Assessment Form for pathways into accommodation outside the UK**

Project: Date of Assessment:

Activity/place being assessed:

Risk Assessor:

Staff involved:

Service user involvement:

| Minimum standard | Hazard  | R | Persons Affected | Existing Controls | R | Future Controls - Action Required | R | Comments |
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| A route into long term safe accommodation that is appropriate for the client’s needs. | Rough sleeping in destination country |  | Client | Consider:* Does the accommodation offer meet the client’s needs?
* Is it a sustainable route out of homelessness?
* Why did the client leave their home country?
* Are there any risks to the client if they were to return, e.g. risk of persecution due to their beliefs or sexuality etc.
* What is the current UK travel advice about travel to the home country? Are there any Human Rights concerns about this client returning to the particular area/region/country?
* **Add sources of information.**

- What are the client’s views on any risk of returning? - Include input from the client’s immigration advisor if relevant, and any on the ground contacts* Distance from airport to final destination
* Travel arrangements
* How does the client access the final destination?
* Contingency plans
* Means of communication.
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| Access to or the ability to access documentation that evidences the clients right to reside at the destination. | Lack of appropriate documentation evidencing right to reside in destination country |  | Client  | Consider:- What documentation/ID does the client have?- When was the client last in the destination country?- If ETD only, how will the client obtain longer-term ID? |  |  |  |  |
| A route to financial stability | Destitution  |  | Client | Consider:- How is the client going to meet their basic needs in the destination country?- Does client have a route to income in the destination country e.g. through employment, welfare benefits or through other means?- Support through friends/family or other community networks? |  |  |  |  |
| Access to healthcare that meets the clients needs | Difficulty accessing support and health services in destination country  |  | Client  | Consider:* Client’s support needs
* Access to primary and secondary healthcare
* Access to treatment
* Access to specialised care and support, i.e. consultants, mental health, substance abuse
* Is health insurance needed?
* Support letters from GP/consultants with recommendations, summary of treatment etc.
* Support letters from doctors translated into local language
* Does the client have enough medication or prescriptions?
* Is a referral needed to specialised support, i.e. day or community centres needed?
* What vaccinations are required/advised for entry to the reconnecting country? Does the client require these? <https://www.fitfortravel.nhs.uk/destinations>

- Any CV-19 risks and/or restrictions relevant to the client? |  |  |  |  |
| Links to friends and family networks or other community networks | Family/friends relationships |  | Client, family members/friends | Consider:- Any risky relationships in the destination country?- Risk of domestic abuse?- Risk to others? |  |  |  |  |
| Other risks are managed, e.g., criminal convictions or unpaid debts | Being stopped at the border by police/border patrol |  | Client | Consider:* Offending history (check assessment) - offer PNC/ACRO checks to clients with offending history
* Support letters from their local embassy and/or consulate
* A support letter from St Mungo’s.
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| Safe travel to the destination is possible | Journey |  | Client | Consider:* Is the client fit to travel? Check the airline restrictions to flying: <https://www.fitfortravel.nhs.uk/advice/general-travel-health-advice/air-travel>
* Any risks of reconnection not going to plan?
* Any risks around the client not making it to the destination?
* Any additional support needed to ensure a smooth handover to services or to facilitate safe travel?
* Complexity and length of travel - Can the client manage the journey independently?
* Clarity of final destination address and arrangements
* English proficiency
* Access to relevant information – client reconnection plan can help mitigate this risk but may need to be translated
* Communication – access to mobile phone with credit and relevant contact details
* Support from staff in London and in home country during reconnection (from family and/or other professionals; airport/border patrol assistance)
* How will client access food and water during journey? Provide practical assistance as needed – where possible this will be in the form of vouchers.
* Provision of cash if necessary – local currency and/or pounds and approved by manager
* Client issued with details of money exchange shops and opening times if local currency not available.
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| Immigration advice to understand rights and entitlements including implications of leaving the UK on current and future status. | Reconnection impact on entitlements and ability to return to UK |  | Client  | * Ensure that the client has been offered an immigration advice assessment with a qualified immigration advisor or solicitor.
* *No clients should be supported to reconnect outside the UK without first being offered to speak to an immigration adviser in order to make an informed decision. This would also apply to clients who want to reconnect even if they have entitlements in the UK.*
* *If the initial immigration consultation shows a meritorious application can be made, client needs to be offered further immigration advice by an immigration advisor or solicitor.*
* If low merit, explain why this is, e.g. due to lack of evidence or other reason.
* Confirm whether there are any ongoing immigration appeals.
* Document whether you have seen the WCA letter
* If the client has made a EUSS application, check if they have access to it.
* Any welfare rights concerns, i.e. does the client have a route to benefits in the UK?
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| Client must have capacity to accept or reject the offer | Lack of capacity |   | Client  | Consider:* Any concerns related to the client’s ability to accept or reject a service offer?
* Fluctuating/capacity concerns?
* EASL’s input?
* Statutory mental health services and/or Adult Social Care input, if relevant.
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|  | Any other risks involved with reconnecting this client |  |  | Consider:* Anything else not captured in the above sections that is relevant to reconnecting this client.
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