

Risk Rating Matrix and required actions

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CONSEQUENCE	Insignificant (1)	Minor (2)	Moderate (3)	Major (4)	Critical (5)
LIKELIHOOD					
Almost certain (5)	Moderate	Moderate	High	Extreme	Extreme
Likely (4)	Low	Moderate	High	High	Extreme
Possible (3)	Low	Moderate	Moderate	High	High
Unlikely (2)	Low	Low	Moderate	Moderate	Moderate
Rare (1)	Low	Low	Low	Low	Moderate
LOW = 1 – 4		MODERATE = 5 – 11		HIGH = 12 – 16	
				EXTREME = 17 – 25	

Risk Rating Required Actions

Rating	Description	Required Action
L (1 – 4)	Low	Acceptable: Unlikely to require specific application of resources; Manage by routine procedures. Monitor and review.
M (5 – 11)	Moderate	Acceptable: Unlikely to cause much impact and/or threaten the efficiency and effectiveness of the program/activity. Treatment plans to be developed and implemented by operational managers. Manage by specific monitoring or response procedures.
H (12 – 16)	High	Generally not acceptable: Likely to have some impact, disruption or breach of controls. Senior management attention needed and management responsibility specified; Treatment plans to be developed and reported to relevant Executive member(s) or Vice Chancellor at monthly VCG.
C (17 – 25)	Extreme	Not acceptable: Likely to threaten the continued effective functioning of the program or the organisation, either financially or politically. Immediate action required; Must be managed by senior management with a detailed treatment plan reported to relevant Executive member and Vice Chancellor at monthly VCG and to each Council meeting.