



Cumulative Harm and Escalation Tracker

Practice tool

Cumulative harm is the combined impact of repeated or connected concerns over time. Each incident may appear manageable alone, but together they can reveal worsening risk, unmet need or failing protection.

Person / identifier / period reviewed / practitioner

1. Build the pattern

Date / source	Concern, change or missed contact	Impact / response / outcome

2. Test direction of travel

☐ Frequency increasing	☐ Severity increasing
☐ Risk more unpredictable	☐ Protective factors weakening
☐ Repeated threshold decisions	☐ Repeated non-contact/disengagement
☐ Different agencies hold partial information	☐ Previous action did not change risk

What pattern becomes visible when the information is considered together?

3. Escalate and coordinate

Action required	Named owner	By when	Evidence / review

Do not treat repeated incidents as separate simply because each was previously closed. Reassess the whole picture, foreseeable harm, statutory duties, coordination and escalation.