

Explanatory Information for Risk Register:

Description	Likelihood of Occurrence
Almost Certain (5)	The event is expected to occur in most circumstances.
Likely (4)	There is a strong possibility the event will occur.
Possible (3)	The event might occur at some time
Unlikely (2)	Not expected, but a slight possibility
Rare (1)	Highly unlikely. It could happen but probably never will

Category	Example Descriptor of Impact
Insignificant (1)	Basic first aid required, less than £100 financial impact, reputation remains intact.
Minor (2)	Short term injury to 1 or 2 people, minor localised disruption lasting less than 24 hours, between £100-£1000, minimal reputation impact.
Moderate (3)	Semi-permanent disability, affects between 3-50 people, high potential for complaints, financial burden between £1,000 and £10,000, litigation possible.
Major (4)	Causing death serious injury or permanent disability. Service closure for up to 1 week, significant financial burden, national adverse publicity, litigation expected.
Catastrophic (5)	Multiple deaths, Financial burden over £100,000, international adverse publicity, widespread displacement of people (over 500), complaints and litigation certain.

SDNPA Risk Appetite Statement:

The Authority seeks to operate within a limited overall risk range. The Authority's lowest risk appetite relates to safety including employee health and safety, with a higher risk appetite towards those activities directly connected with the Authority's Purposes and Duty. The Authority accepts that risk is ever present and is generally only willing to accept low levels of risk as part of its day to day business and in relation to its reputation. The Authority will normally only consider options where the level of risk can be managed to a low degree. However, the Authority may be willing to consider a higher level risk where it has the opportunity to be innovative in relation to its service delivery.

