

BARRIERS COMPLETION - COMPREHENSIVE RISK SUMMARY

Barrier	Response
<p><i>More than one type of problem behaviour.</i></p> <p>A consumer may engage in more than one type of problem behaviour and the trajectories to the behaviour are likely to be different for each. For example, a consumer who engages in physical violence and also fire setting, and the two behaviours occur under different circumstances with different risk factors.</p>	<p>The V-RAM report has a section for recording the problem behaviour. Clearly note that there is more than one problem behaviour. Assess the risk of all types of problem behaviour. Differentiate the risk factors and protective factors for each type of problem behaviour. Include these on the V-RAM report, clearly stating which problem behaviour aligns with which risk factor. In instances such as these, it may be appropriate to write one risk summary for each problem behaviour.</p>
<p><i>The antecedents of the problem behaviour are unclear or there are multiple pathways to the violence / problem behaviour.</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Note the uncertainty on the V-RAM report • If there are multiple trajectories and antecedents to violence behaviour, record this on the V-RAM report and provide their corresponding details.
<p><i>The risk summary is not the same as the treating team's opinion.</i></p> <p>Clinicians can form different opinions about risk. These differences can be due to the data on which the assessment is based. For example the V-RAM assessor may have more information than the treating team. This may also reflect differences in the consumer's presentation at different time points, or different approaches to case conceptualisation.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ensure that these discrepancies are discussed in a multidisciplinary team review (involving the PSP and the assessing senior clinician) following the Tier 2 assessment and management plan. • Document all collateral information sources used for the report. • Provide a rationale for your summary referencing the data gathered, and referral information. • Ensure risk assessments are accompanied by a thorough mental state examination. • Be transparent and objective – identify any limitations of your assessment. • Seek support from a supervisor as needed.

