Tool 13: Bedrail risk assessment

This Risk Assessment Tool is an aide memoire for staff. It should be used in conjunction with	Resident Name:			ne:									
the Bedrails Algorithm (see reverse) and local guidance for the safe use of bedrails and falls prevention. This document does NOT replace the need for clinical judgement.		DOB:											
Use algorithm on the reverse of this document when completing this Risk Assessment		Date			Date			Date			Date		
Section one	Y	Ν	N/A	Y	N	N/A	Y	Ν	N/A	Y	Ν	N/A	
Is the resident at risk of climbing out of bed?													
Is the resident agitated or confused?													
Does using bedrails present a higher risk to the residents than falling out of bed?													
See Algorithm on reverse	for gu	idance											
Section two	,	,			,			,					
Has an alternative to bedrails been considered, ie see bedrails algorithm box 2												ļ	
Is the resident likely to roll, slip or slide from the bed?											<u> </u>	ļ	
Has the resident been consulted regarding the use of bedrails?												ļ	
Does the resident understand the purpose of bedrails? Consider communication difficulties and													
physical/cognitive condition.							ļ				 	 	
Has the decision to use or not use bedrails been discussed with relatives/principal carer?													
Has the resident/relatives/principal carer been given a copy of the bedrail information leaflet?													
If yes, to any of Section two, then bedrails may be appro	priate I	noweve	er, cons	ider th	e follo	wing po	oints					l .	
Section three	1	1			1			1			ļ	ļ	
Is the resident small in stature?											<u> </u>	<u> </u>	
Does the resident have an unusually large or small head?											<u> </u>	 	
When the bedrail is fitted is there a gap between the lower rail and mattress?											<u> </u>	 	
Are there large spaces between the lower rail and mattress?											<u> </u>	<u> </u>	
Does the bedrail move away from the side of the mattress when in use?												<u> </u>	
Will the bedrail fall off the bed?											<u> </u>	 	
Will any of above create an entrapment hazard?													
If yes to Section three, bedrails Section four	are no	t appro	priate										
The gap between the bedrail and the headboard must be less than 60mm or greater than 250mm													
Has the bedrail been fitted correctly?											<u> </u>		
Is the bedrail secure?												<u> </u>	
Is the bedrail compatible with the bed frame it will be fitted to?												 	
Are the bedrails being used in good working order?													
Does the resident have access to a call bell at all times?											<u> </u>		
If pressure relieving overlay mattress, or air filled mattress in use, are extra height bedrails fitted?											<u> </u>		
If bariatric bed in use is a compatible extra wide mattress fitted?			-										
Section five - decision making										-			
Has the decision been made to use bedrails?											j	1	
Date:													
Bedrails checked by:												,	
Date:							1						
Assessors signature:							1						

