

CHECKLIST: ASSESSING INTERVIEWEE EVIDENCE

<input type="checkbox"/>	<p>IS THE EVIDENCE RELIABLE?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Were they truly in a position to see or hear what they claim? <input type="checkbox"/> Do they tend to exaggerate their statements? <input type="checkbox"/> Are they presenting assumptions as facts? <input type="checkbox"/> Is their evidence clear and detailed, or is it vague and confusing? <input type="checkbox"/> Do they have a strong reason to lie or exaggerate the situation?
<input type="checkbox"/>	<p>IS THE EVIDENCE PLAUSIBLE?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Is their version of events unlikely or hard to believe when common sense and experience are applied?
<input type="checkbox"/>	<p>IS THE EVIDENCE EXTERNALLY CONSISTENT?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Is their account inconsistent with or contradicted by other evidence available to the investigation? <input type="checkbox"/> Does their account conflict with a previous statement they made (for example, in an email or complaint) or with how they recorded it at the time of the alleged event (for example, in a file note)?
<input type="checkbox"/>	<p>IS THE EVIDENCE INTERNALLY CONSISTENT?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Has the person's story changed during their testimony, not just about one specific event, but across multiple alleged events?
<input type="checkbox"/>	<p>HAS THE EVIDENCE BEEN GIVEN IN A CREDIBLE WAY?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Does the person avoid giving clear answers when questioned? <input type="checkbox"/> Does the person dodge direct answers? <input type="checkbox"/> Does the person claim they "do not recall" whether something happened, instead of outright denying it, even when the situation

suggests they should remember (e.g., in extreme, memorable, or extraordinary situations)?

- Note: DO NOT rely on general observations of demeanour*