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**Membership Form**

**RISK INFORMATION**

**Background Information for Referring Health Professional**

**Newcastle and Gateshead Art Studio (NAGAS)** endeavours to work as inclusively and accessibly as possible with adults who experience/are at risk of experiencing mental health problems.

We work with a large volume of individuals with a diverse variety of mental health issues and mental health based needs. NAGAS is not a clinical service, but is arts-driven, meaning that the organisation is led by Arts Professionals.

The upshot of this is, although we generate positive clinical outcomes for participants, we do not make those assessments, including risk management at the point of referral. We rely on Health Professionals to appropriately assess this element before referring a client/patient to us.

The environment in which we work and members, staff and volunteers are supervised and supported at all times. The environment does pose potential risks which we manage against; but in order to provide clarity these include:

* A busy, mixed sex, mixed age, (18-65+) mixed race environment
* Membership consists of vulnerable adults with mental health issues and learning disabilities
* Access to materials (paints, solvents etc.) and equipment (sharps, mechanical items, tools etc.) towards art-making

**DISCLOSURE**

**NOTE: MUST BE COMPLETED BY A HEALTH PROFESSIONAL (G.P or Care Co-ordinator)**

**Based on the above, are there any risks that NAGAS should be aware of in this person attending the service?: Yes (please state below) No (leave blank)**

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Name --------------------------------------------------------------------- Position-------------------------------------------------------

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