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# ServiceNow

## Risk Management User Guide



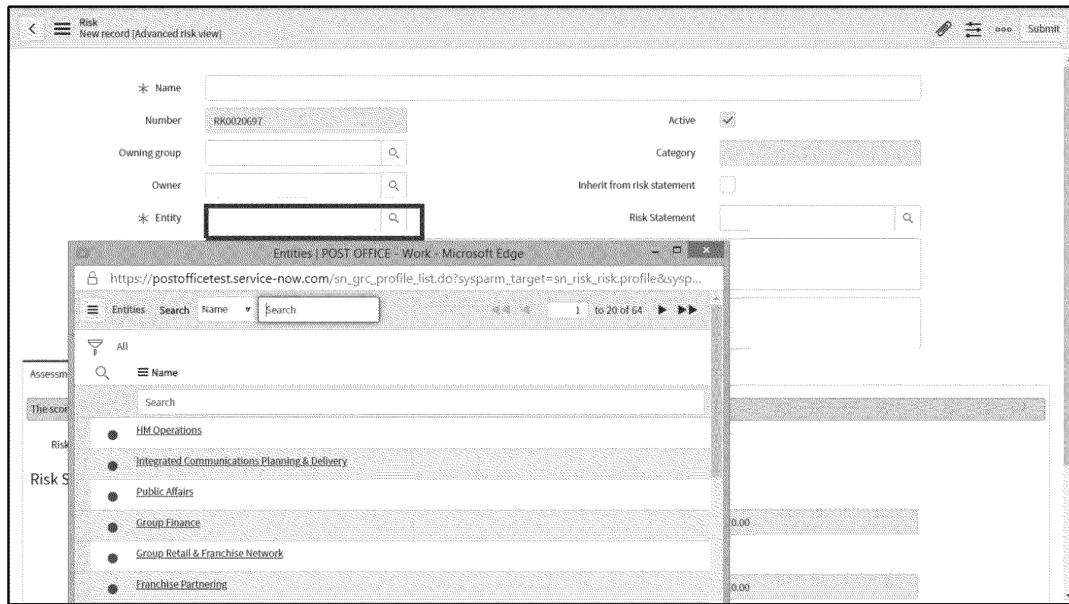


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## 1 RISK MANAGEMENT OVERVIEW

### 1.1 ENTITIES

- Post Office has a three-level risk hierarchy: Enterprise Risks (the Post Office's key business risks), Intermediate Risks (sub-categories of an enterprise risk to which they are linked) and Local Risks (sub-categories of intermediate risks, to which they are linked).
- Entities in ServiceNow (SNOW) mirror the Post Office three-level risk hierarchy.
- Entity field is visible in the Risk record (refer to paragraph 2.4.2 for details on how to complete a risk record).



#### Post Office Entity

- Post Office Entity refers to Enterprise Risks. These risks are Post Office-wide and so are of corporate importance. Each enterprise risk is owned by a relevant GE member. It is unlikely that Risk Users will need to select this Entity. Central Risk provide an update on the management of these enterprise risks at each RCC and ARC.

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The screenshot shows a 'Risk' form with fields for Name, Number, Owning group, Owner, Entity, Active, Category, Inherit from risk statement, and Risk Statement. The 'Entity' field is populated with 'Post Office', which is highlighted in a dropdown search results list. The search results also show other entities like 'Postmaster Communications', 'Postmaster Directorate', 'Postmaster Effectiveness', 'Procurement', and 'Product Portfolio-Banking, Payments & Transactional Services'.

#### Group Level Entity

- Entities that contain 'Group' refers to Intermediate Risks. They are often the key risks faced by individual business areas and they are often owned by GE/GE-1 member. Select these Entities only if the risk is relevant at GE /GE-1 member level (e.g. Group Commercial, Group Information, Group Finance etc).

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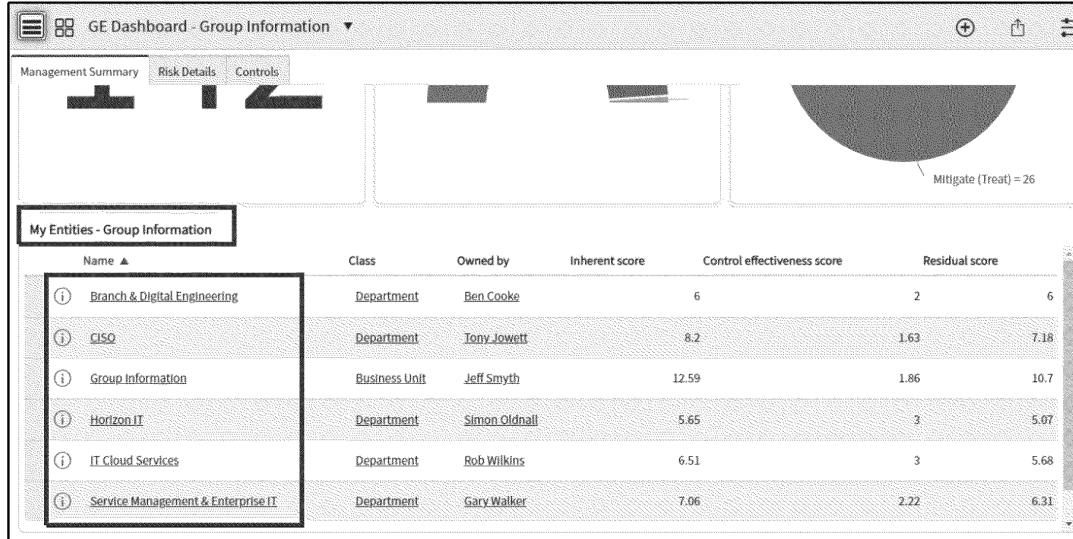
#### All other Entities

- All other Entities are related to Local Risks (Department level). They are often more specific, local risks faced by individual department and often owned by Department heads. Select these Entities only if risks are relevant at Department level.

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The screenshot shows the ServiceNow Risk Management interface. At the top, a modal window titled 'Risk - New record [Advanced risk view]' is open, showing fields for Number (RK0020697), Active (checked), and Category. Below this, a list of entities is displayed in a table format. The table has columns for Name, Class, Owned by, Inherent score, Control effectiveness score, and Residual score. Entities listed include BAU & Change Finance, Branch & Digital Engineering, Brand, Central Risk, CISO, Commercial Finance, Commercial Strategy & Planning, and Company Secretariat. The 'Branch & Digital Engineering' entity is highlighted with a red box.

- If you are an Entity owner, you can see the entities you own under your GE Dashboard.



## 1.2 UPSTREAM AND DOWNSTREAM RISKS

- Risk hierarchy is managed by Central Risk Team linking Local risks to their related Intermediate risks and then to the related Enterprise risk, within the same Entity only. In SNOW this can be done linking your risk to Upstream and Downstream risks, depending on the risk level (e.g. if you have an intermediate risk, its upstream risk will be an Enterprise risk and downstream risk a Local risk).
- If you wish to change the risk hierarchy by adding/removing Upstream or Downstream risks, contact your Central Risk Business Partner (RBP) by ServiceNow chatbox message/email.

### 1.3 RISK STATEMENTS

- Risk Statements in SNOW are the Risk categories. Risk Statements can only be assigned by Central Risk Team.
- Each risk needs to be associated to a Risk Statement. There are more than 55 Risk Statements 2 (sub-categories) across the 14 Risk Statement 1 (main categories).

Risk statement 1 in ServiceNow					
1	Strategy	6	Financial	11	Security
2	Governance	7	Commercial	12	Change
3	Operational	8	People	13	Reputational
4	Legal	9	Technology	14	Marketplace & Brands
5	Health & Safety	10	Information		

- Risks should be classified against the Event not the Cause or the Impact.
- ServiceNow risks management has enabled the Central Risk Team to view the risks not only by Group Entity (the verticals) but risk management across risk functions (technology, security, information) to address risk domains.

### 1.4 RISK OWNER

- ISO Guide 73 defines risk owner as a 'person with authority and accountability to make the decision to treat, or not to treat a risk'.
- Under the "first line of defence", management have primary ownership, responsibility and accountability for identifying, assessing and managing risks. The first line 'own' the risks and are responsible for execution of the organisation's response to those risks through executing internal controls on a day-to-day basis and for implementing corrective actions to address deficiencies.

### 1.5 RISK DESCRIPTION

- Risks must be expressed in terms of their cause(s), the risk event itself, and their impact:
  - Cause: A cause is an element which alone or in combination with other causes has the potential to give rise to the risk.
  - Event: An event is an articulation of the potential adverse or beneficial circumstances that could result from the cause – in effect the risk itself.
  - Consequences/Impact: Consequences are the outcome of a risk event materialising. Outcomes can be positive or negative.

A good example of risk description is as follows:

Cause	Event	Impact
<i>Because of the lack of engagement, approach and transparency with the CWU members,</i>	<i>there is a risk the Post Office experiences prolonged industrial action which adversely impacts its ability to deliver its short, medium or long-term strategic objectives,</i>	<i>resulting loss in revenue, client/customer detriment and reputational damage.</i>

## 1.6 POST OFFICE HARM TABLE

- A risk is assessed on both the likelihood of it occurring and the impact if it were to occur.
- The Post Office corporate HARM table (see table below) describes the likelihood/impact scales which must be applied, as per below:
  - likelihood score (between 1 and 5) indicates how probable it is that your risk is going to occur.
  - expected impact score (between 1 and 5): impact of your risk in any relevant impact category (i.e. Strategic/Financial, Operational, Reputational/Legal, Postmasters and Customers). The highest number (between 1 and 5) out of all the categories is the impact score for your risk and the category in which this occurs is the 'leading risk impact'.
  - Impact and likelihood are multiplied together to give the risk score (a minimum of 1 and a maximum of 25).

(i) IMPACT SCALE						
SCORE	RATING	STRATEGIC/FINANCIAL IMPACT ON POST OFFICE GROUP	OPERATIONAL IMPACT ON POST OFFICE GROUP	REPUTATION/LEGAL IMPACT ON POST OFFICE GROUP	IMPACT ON OUR POSTMASTERS & STRATEGIC PARTNERS	IMPACT ON OUR CUSTOMERS
5	<b>Critical (Very High)</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Post Office unable to achieve one or more of its strategic objectives</li> <li>Critical weakening of Post Office commercial profitability and/or ability to grow</li> <li>Impact to Revenue &gt;£5M</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Post Office capacity to respond exceeded immediate board/GE involvement required</li> <li>Critical lack of people resources availability and/or skills</li> <li><b>Projected &gt; 5 days</b> total loss of front office/back office corporate IT service</li> <li><b>Projected &gt; 5 days</b> total loss of approved number of Branch locations</li> <li><b>Projected = 20% reduction</b> in profiled levels of Branch footfall &amp; transactions</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Protracted negative references in national publications, social media and websites</li> <li>Post Office's product(s) and/or service(s) quality is compromised across the digital/physical market(s) and in all UK regions</li> <li>Post Office activity attracts critical levels of fines and prosecutions and/or multiple legal challenges and/or regulatory closure</li> <li>Critical long-term damage to Post Office Brand</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Critical weakening in relationship between Post Office and Postmasters</li> <li>Moderate weakening of Postmaster community's commercial profitability and ability to grow</li> <li><b>Projected = &gt;10% reduction</b> in remuneration or increase in costs impacting &gt;50% of Network</li> <li>Network service disruption of key branch locations &gt;3 days and/or impacting &gt;50% of Network</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Projected (&gt;30%) increase</b>, over agreed baseline, in number of customer complaints received over quality of products and/or services</li> <li><b>Projected (&lt;89%)</b> customer satisfaction score secured over quality of products and/or services</li> <li><b>Projected (&gt;1m)</b> of online customer sessions impacted by not being able to access our digital platform</li> </ul>
4	<b>Major (High)</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Major impact on Post Office ability to achieve one or more of its strategic objectives</li> <li>Major (but not critical) impact on Post Office commercial profitability and/or ability to grow</li> <li>Impact to Revenue between £2M and £4M</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Post Office experience major adverse impact throughout organisation</li> <li>GE product/service involvement required</li> <li>Moderate lack of people resources availability and/or skills</li> <li><b>Projected 1-2 days</b> total loss of front office/back office corporate IT service</li> <li><b>Projected 5-9% reduction</b> in approved number of Branch locations</li> <li><b>Projected = 10% reduction</b> in profiled levels of Branch footfall &amp; transactions</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Sporadic negative references in national publications, social media and external websites</li> <li>Post Office's product(s) and/or service(s) quality is compromised across the digital/physical market(s) and in all UK regions</li> <li>Post Office activity attracts major levels of fines and prosecutions and/or multiple litigations and/or regulatory closure</li> <li>Critical long-term damage to Post Office Brand</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Moderate weakening in relationship between Post Office and Postmasters</li> <li>Moderate weakening of Postmaster community's commercial profitability and ability to grow</li> <li><b>Projected = 5% reduction</b> in remuneration or increase in costs impacting &gt;50% of Network</li> <li><b>Projected = 10% reduction</b> in remuneration or increase in costs impacting &gt;25% of Network</li> <li>Network service disruption of key branch locations between 3-4 days and/or impacting between 25%-49% of Network</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Projected (21-30%) increase</b>, over agreed baseline, in the number of customer complaints received over quality of products and/or services</li> <li><b>Projected (50-93%)</b> customer satisfaction score secured over quality of products and/or services</li> <li><b>Projected (1-10m)</b> of online customer sessions impacted by not being able to access our digital platforms</li> </ul>
3	<b>Significant</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Significant impact on Post Office ability to achieve one or more of its strategic objectives</li> <li>Significant (but not major) impact on Post Office commercial profitability and/or ability to grow</li> <li>Impact to Revenue between £1M and £1.9M</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Post Office experience significant adverse impact in multiple (but not all) parts of the organisation</li> <li>Substantial specific business/departmental management intervention required</li> <li>Moderate lack of people resources availability and/or skills</li> <li><b>Projected 1-2 days</b> total loss of front office/back office corporate IT service</li> <li><b>Projected 3-4% reduction</b> in approved number of Branch locations</li> <li><b>Projected 11-14% reduction</b> in profiled levels of Branch footfall &amp; transactions</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Negative references in regional publications, social media and external websites</li> <li>Post Office's product(s) and/or service(s) is compromised but relatively restricted across the digital/physical market(s) and in all UK regions</li> <li>Post Office activities result in breach of regulation which requires internal investigation and/or regulatory disclosure</li> <li>Critical long-term damage to Post Office Group &amp; Brand</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Significant weakening in the relationship between Post Office and Postmasters</li> <li>Significant weakening of Postmaster community's commercial profitability and ability to grow</li> <li><b>Projected = 5% reduction</b> in remuneration or increase in costs impacting &gt;50% of Network</li> <li><b>Projected = 10% reduction</b> in remuneration or increase in costs impacting 15%-24% of Network</li> <li>Network service disruption of key branch locations between 1-2 days and/or impacting between 15%-24% of Network</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Projected (11-20%) increase</b>, over agreed baseline, in the number of customer complaints received over quality of products and/or services</li> <li><b>Projected (94-96%)</b> customer satisfaction score secured over quality of products and/or services</li> <li><b>Projected (200k-600k)</b> of online customers impacted by not being able to access our digital platforms</li> </ul>
2	<b>Moderate (Low)</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Moderate impact on Post Office Group's ability to achieve one or more of its strategic objectives</li> <li>Moderate (but not minor) impact on Post Office commercial profitability and/or ability to grow</li> <li>Impact to Revenue between £500k and £999k</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Post Office experience material adverse impact in single area of the organisation</li> <li>Departmental management intervention required</li> <li>Moderate lack of people resources availability and/or skills</li> <li><b>Projected &lt; 1 day</b> total loss of front office/back office corporate IT service</li> <li><b>Projected 1-2% reduction</b> in approved number of Branch locations</li> <li><b>Projected = 6-10% reduction</b> in profiled levels of Branch footfall &amp; transactions</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Negative references in local publications</li> <li>Post Office's product(s) and/or service(s) is compromised but not yet available across the digital/physical market(s) and in all UK regions</li> <li>Post Office activities result in moderate legal issue and relatively immaterial non-compliance and/or regulatory breach which is relatively easily resolved internally</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Moderate weakening in relationship between Post Office and Postmasters</li> <li>Moderate weakening of Postmaster community's commercial profitability and ability to grow</li> <li><b>Projected = 5% reduction</b> in remuneration or increase in costs impacting &gt;50% of Network</li> <li><b>Projected = 10% reduction</b> in remuneration or increase in costs impacting 15%-24% of Network</li> <li>Network service disruption of key branch locations &lt;1 day and/or impacting between 10%-19% of Network</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Projected (5-10%) increase</b>, over agreed baseline, in the number of customer complaints received over quality of products and/or services</li> <li><b>Projected (97-98%)</b> customer satisfaction score secured over quality of products and/or services</li> <li><b>Projected (100-200k)</b> of online customers impacted by not being able to access our digital platforms</li> </ul>
1	<b>Minor (Very Low)</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Little impact on Post Office ability to achieve one or more of its strategic objectives</li> <li>Very minor impact on Post Office commercial profitability and/or ability to grow</li> <li>Impact to Revenue &lt;£500k</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Post Office experience no measurable impact</li> <li>Local management/staff manage the problem without escalation</li> <li>Moderate lack of people resources availability and/or skills</li> <li><b>Projected &lt; 1 day</b> total loss of front office/back office corporate IT service</li> <li><b>Projected &lt;1% reduction</b> in approved number of Branch locations</li> <li><b>Projected = 0-9% reduction</b> in profiled levels of Branch footfall &amp; transactions</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Little media coverage</li> <li>No issue with the quality of Post Office's product(s) and/or service(s)</li> <li>Post Office activities result in low-level legal issue which is easily resolved internally</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Insignificant weakening in the relationship between Post Office and Postmasters</li> <li>Moderate weakening of Postmaster community's commercial profitability and ability to grow</li> <li><b>Projected = 5% reduction</b> in remuneration or increase in costs impacting &gt;50% of Network</li> <li><b>Projected = 10% reduction</b> in remuneration or increase in costs impacting 15%-24% of Network</li> <li>Network service disruption of key branch locations &lt;1 day and/or impacting between 5%-9% of Network</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Projected (&lt;5%) increase</b>, over agreed baseline, in the number of customer complaints received over quality of products and/or services</li> <li><b>Projected (&gt;99%)</b> customer satisfaction score secured over quality of products and/or services</li> <li><b>Projected (&lt;100k)</b> of online customers impacted by not being able to access our digital platforms</li> </ul>

## (i) LIKELIHOOD SCALE

LIKELIHOOD: THE LIKELIHOOD OF RISK MATERIALISING	SCORE	RATING	DESCRIPTION
	5	ALMOST CERTAIN/VERY HIGH	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Risk almost certain to materialise unless action taken</li> <li>Risk could be expected to materialise</li> </ul>
	4	LIKELY/HIGH	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Risk likely to materialise frequently if events follow normal patterns and mitigating action is not taken.</li> <li>Risk could be expected to materialise</li> </ul>
	3	POSSIBLE/MODERATE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Risk unlikely to materialise but it is possible</li> <li>Risk could be expected to materialise infrequently/irregularly/sporadically</li> </ul>
	2	UNLIKELY/LOW	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Risk very unlikely to materialise</li> <li>Risk could materialise intermittently</li> </ul>
	1	RARE/VERY LOW	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A remote likelihood that risk would materialise</li> <li>Almost inconceivable that risk would occur</li> </ul>

- Each active risk has 2 ratings namely:
  - Inherent: the level of risk before any control activities are applied.
  - Residual: the latest level of risk considering the effectiveness of the controls currently in place.

- The residual score cannot be higher (and will almost certainly be lower than) the inherent score. It may be equal to the inherent score on a new risk with no controls or remediation activity in place, but you would expect to see the residual score gradually reduce over time as the risk is managed.

### 1.7 CONTROL ASSESSMENT SCORE

- Control is any action taken to reduce the likelihood and/or magnitude of a risk.
- You can use the following guidance when assessing your controls:

Control Effectiveness	Performance
Effective	The control(s) significantly reduces the risk, bringing the residual risk within appetite
Partially Effective	The control(s) has some impact on reducing the risk
Ineffective	The control(s) does not adequately address the risk

### 1.8 RISK RESPONSE TYPE

- You have the option for responding to risk, identified as the 4Ts: Accept (Tolerate), Mitigate (Treat), Transfer and Avoid (Terminate). Brief description of each of the 4Ts is provided below:

Risk Response	Description
<b>Accept</b> (Tolerate/Retain)	The risk exposure may be tolerable without any further action being taken. The ability to do anything about some risks may be limited, or the costs of taking any action may be disproportionate to the potential benefit gained.
<b>Mitigate</b> (Treat/Control/Reduce)	By far the greater number of risks will be addressed in this way. The purpose of treatment is that, whilst continuing within Post Office with the activity giving rise to the risk, mitigation plan is taken to constrain the risk within appetite
<b>Transfer</b>	Transferring a risk by means of an insurance policy (e.g. a cyber risk might be transferred because we have an insurance policy)
<b>Avoid</b> (Terminate/Eliminate)	Some risks will only be treatable or containable to acceptable levels, by terminating the activity. In these circumstances, appropriate responses will be elimination of the risk by stopping the process or activity, substituting an alternative process or outsourcing the activity that is associated with the risk (e.g., you can decide to ban the usage of laptops outside of the company premises if the risk of unauthorized access to those laptops is too high-because, e.g., such hacks could halt the complete IT infrastructure you are using)

## 2 HOW TO USE GRC SNOW

### 2.1 REQUEST ACCESS TO GRC SNOW

- If you require access to SNOW, you should fill a “Request access to GRC” form from SNOW Colleague Portal: [Service Catalog - Colleague Portal \(service-now.com\)](#)
- Contact your RBP if you have any issues or questions.

## Request access to GRC

Request access to GRC

Request access to GRC

Requested for details

\* Requested for  Email

First name  Phone

Last name

\* Which area of GRC do you require access to?

- Select 'Risk' under 'Which area of GRC do you require access to?'

Request access to GRC

Requested for details

\* Requested for  Email

First name  Phone



-- None --

Control

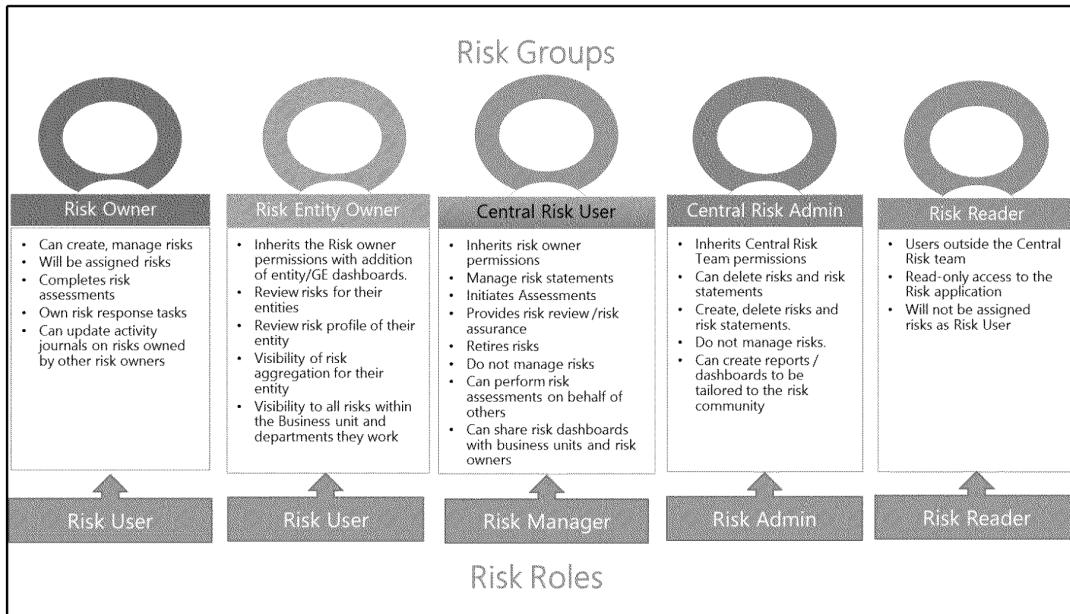
**Risk**

Vendor Risk Management

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- Select your Risk Group:
  - 'Risk Owner': if you own risks but you do not own any Department or Business Unit (i.e. Entity);
  - 'Risk Entity Owner': if you are a risk owner and you own a Department or a Business Unit (i.e. Entity). You should be a GE or GE-1 member to request this Risk Group;
  - 'Central Risk Admin' and 'Central Risk User' are Risk groups for Central Risk Team only;

- If you are not a risk owner but you need a read-only access to SNOW, speak to your RBP and ask how you can have 'Risk Reader' role. This Role cannot be requested through the Request access to GRC form.
- Each Risk Group is associate to a Risk Role and has the following abilities:



Request access to GRC

\* Which Risk group do you require access to? [?](#)

Central Risk Admin: inherits the permissions of Central Risk Team. They can create, delete risks and risk statements. They do not manage risks.

Central Risk User (risk manager): inherits the permissions of risk owners and entity owners classified as risk users. Can initiate risk assessments, manage risk statements and retire risks Oversees the corporate approach to risk management.

Risk Entity Owner (risk user): the Entity owner will have the ability to review the risks associated to their entities using the dashboard. Will also maintain the risk profile for their entities by keeping track of overdue assessments and mitigation tasks for those risks. Can create, manage and retire their own risks.

Risk Owner (risk user): the risk owner will create risks, be assigned risks, complete risk assessments, and risk response tasks.

-- None --

- Select either 'Risk Owner' or 'Risk Entity Owner' as 'Central Risk Admin' and 'Central Risk User' are for Central Risk Team only.

Request access to GRC

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-- None --

Central Risk Admin

Central Risk User

Risk Entity Owner

Risk Owner

-- None --

- Your request of access will have to be approved by your RBP.

## 2.2 LOGIN INTO SNOW

- Once you have received access to SNOW, login into the system (you will login with your Post Office credentials)
- If you see the following screen select “Click here for Head Office, Admin and Supply Chain colleague log in”

Smart ID / User name

Password

 [Show](#)

[Forgot Password ?](#) [Log in](#)

[Click here for Head office, Admin and Supply Chain colleague log in](#)

- Insert your email and you will login into SNOW

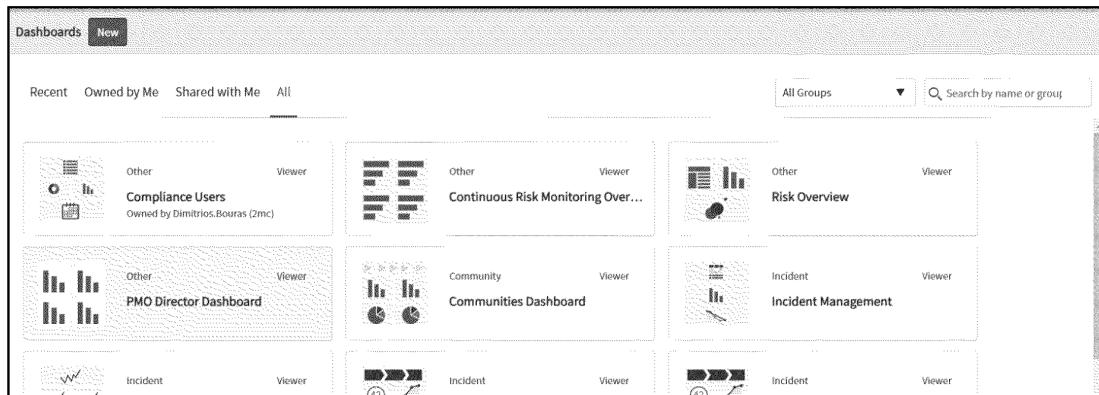
## External login

User ID

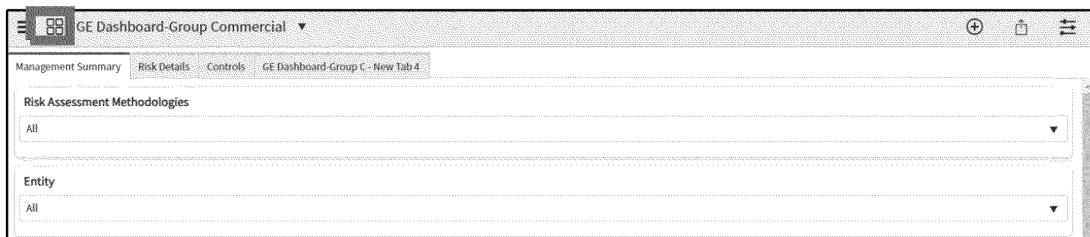
Use local login Submit

### 2.3 DEFAULT HOMEPAGE

- The first time you login you should see your Homepage set as Dashboards, as per screenshot below:



- If not, click on the Dashboard overview icon as per below and you will be redirected to the interface above.



- Select 'All' and type the Dashboard that you want to set up as a default in the Search Box:
  - "Risks Users" Dashboard: if you are a risk owner and you do not own any Department or Business Unit. This will give you visibility of the risks that you own;
  - "Entity Heads/Leads" Dashboard: if you are a risk owner and you own a Department or a Business Unit (i.e. Entity Owner), you can also select this dashboard. This will give you visibility of your Entities risks;
  - "GE Group" Dashboard (i.e. GE Group Commercial, Finance, Information, People etc.): if you are a risk owner and you own a Department or a Business Unit (i.e. Entity Owner), select the GE Group dashboard related to your Business Unit. This will give you visibility of your Business Unit Risk profile, Entity risks, outstanding risk assessments mitigation tasks, etc.

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Group filter All Groups ▾

Search dashboard  (X)

**Risk Users**  
Owner: Dimitrios.Bouras (2mc)  
Editor



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**Entity Heads/Leads**  
Owner: Dimitrios.Bouras (2mc)  
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Search dashboard  (X)

**GE Dashboard - Group Information**  
Owner: Roberta.Zavaglia

**GE Dashboard - Group People**  
Owner: Roberta.Zavaglia

**GE Dashboard-Corp Affairs, Comms & Brand**  
Owner: Kannan.Chandrasekaran

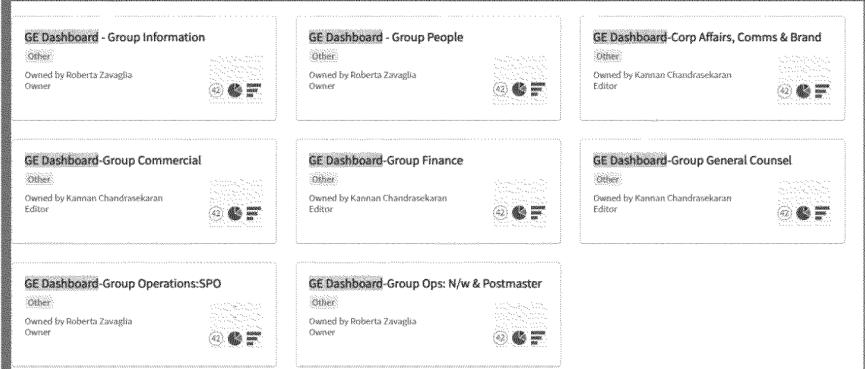
**GE Dashboard-Group Commercial**  
Owner: Kannan.Chandrasekaran

**GE Dashboard-Group Finance**  
Owner: Kannan.Chandrasekaran

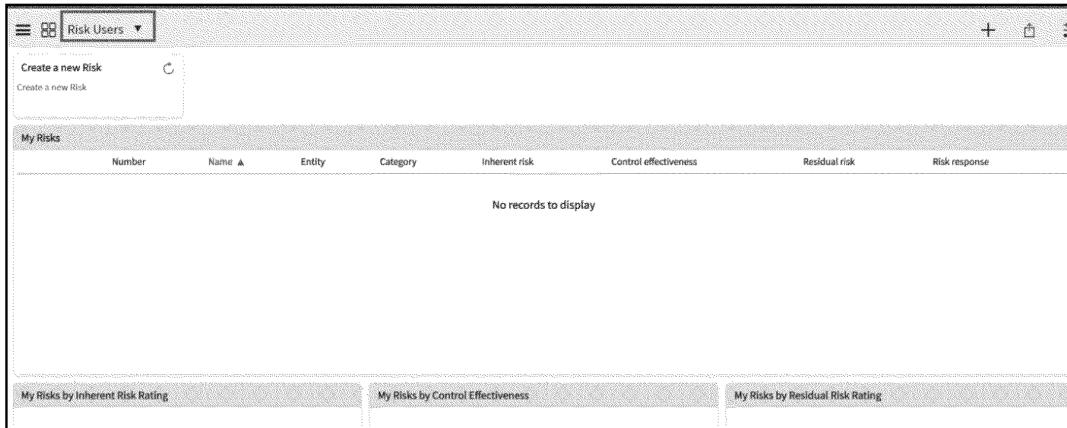
**GE Dashboard-Group General Counsel**  
Owner: Kannan.Chandrasekaran

**GE Dashboard-Group Operations:SPO**  
Owner: Roberta.Zavaglia

**GE Dashboard-Group Ops: N/w & Postmaster**  
Owner: Roberta.Zavaglia



- You will be redirected to the 'Risk Users' or your selected Dashboard. When you login ServiceNow and when you click on the top left corner (i.e. HomePage icon) you should always be redirected to the 'Risk Users' Dashboard or your selected Dashboard.



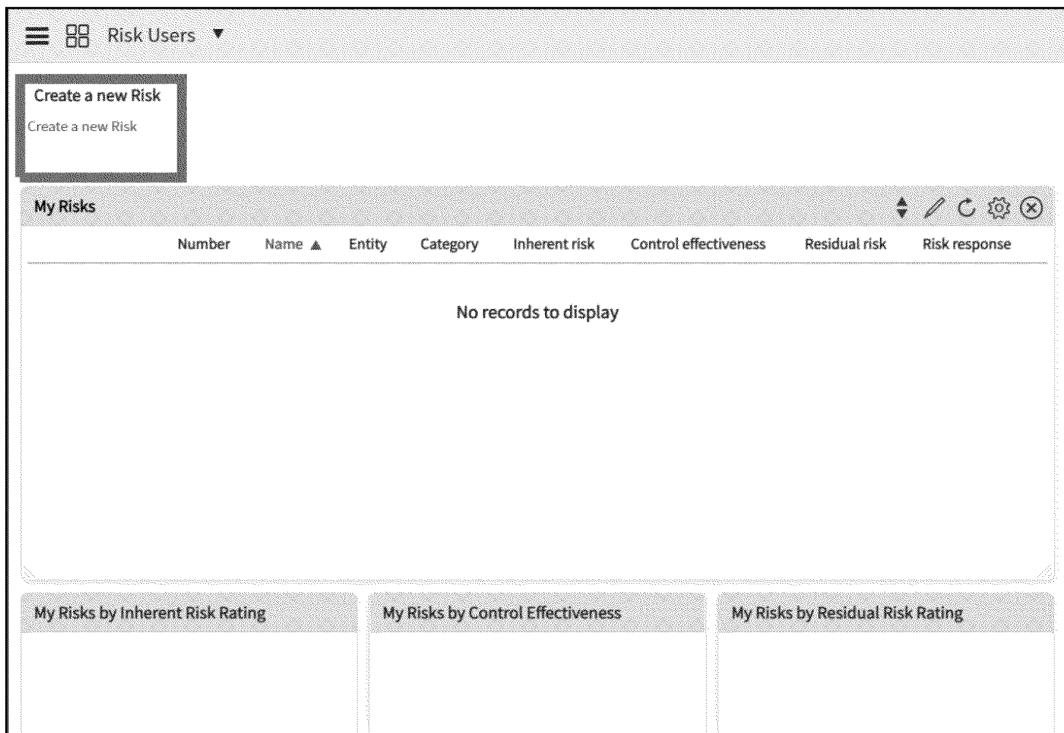
## 2.4 CREATE A NEW RISK

### 2.4.1 How to create a risk

- Risks are created by risk owners directly in the Risk application. There are several ways to do this:

#### OPTION 1: RISK USERS DASHBOARD

- The preferred method to create a new Risk is through your Risk User Dashboard by clicking 'Create a new Risk' button.



- You will be redirected to the following page, where you can fill out and save the details of the risk (refer to paragraph 2.4.2 for details).

The screenshot shows a 'Risk' form titled 'New record [Advanced risk view]'. The form contains the following fields:

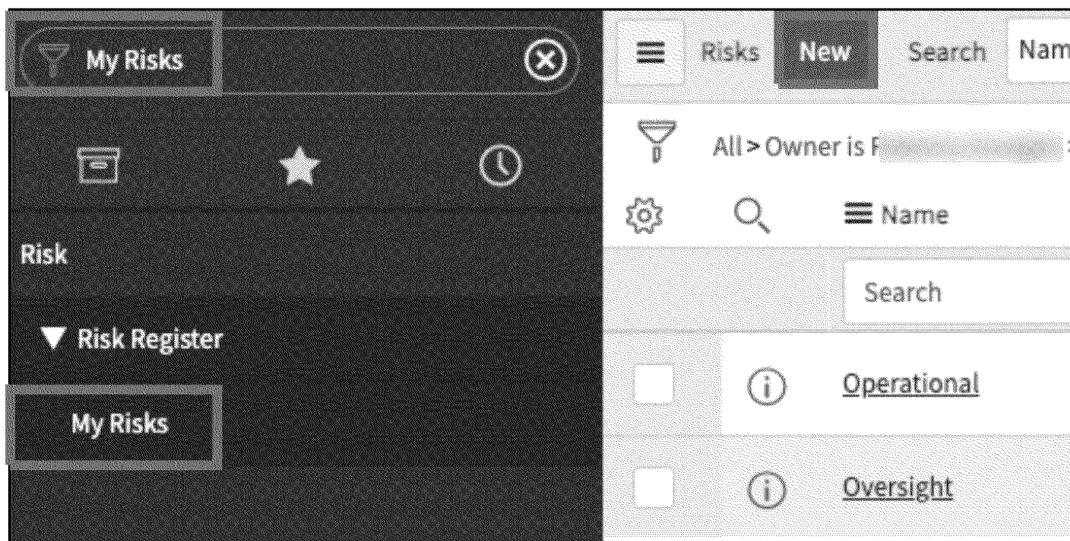
- Name: RK0022062
- Number: RK0022062
- Owner: [Search]
- Entity: [Search]
- Category: [Search]
- Active:
- Inherit from risk statement:
- Risk Statement: [Search]
- Description: [Text area]
- Additional Information: [Text area]

Below the form is a navigation bar with tabs: Assessment summary, Risk appetite, Monitoring, and Activity journal. The 'Assessment summary' tab is selected. A message below the tabs states: 'The scores of the risk assessment methodology selected as primary are displayed in the Risk Scoring section.' The 'Risk Scoring' section shows the following values:

- Risk assessment methodology: [Bar chart]
- Inherent risk: [Bar chart]
- Inherent ALE: £0.00
- Control effectiveness: [Bar chart]

#### OPTION 2: USING THE RISK APPLICATION

- Write 'My Risks' on the Filter navigator on the top left, click on 'My Risks' under Risk Register to display a list of all risks where you are a risk owner and click "New" button to create a new risk record:



#### 2.4.2 Complete a risk record

- The following fields must be completed when you create a new risk:
  - Name (mandatory) - short description of the risk.
  - Risk Owner (mandatory) - person with authority and accountability to make the decision to treat, or not to treat a risk (refer to paragraph 1.4 for definition).
  - Entity (mandatory) - mirrors the Post Office three-level risk hierarchy (Post Office/Enterprise risks, Group level/Intermediate risks, Department level/Local risks) - (refer to paragraph 1.1 for details).
  - Description (mandatory) - risks must be expressed in terms of their cause(s), the risk event itself, and their impact (refer to paragraph 1.5 for guidance).
  - Owning group field is not in use.
  - Risk Statements are the Risk categories and can only be assigned by Central Risk Team (refer to paragraph 1.3 for details).
  - Additional Information (not mandatory) can be used to add additional comments on your risk (e.g. comments on the reason why this risk has materialised, if this is because of a change of regulation or from an incident that occurred, what policies apply, Internal Audit findings, etc.).
- Select 'Submit' button on the top right to save the record and return to the previous screen.

The screenshot shows a 'Risk New record' form. The fields are arranged in a grid:

- Name:** RK0022302
- Number:** RK0022302
- Active:**
- Category:** (empty)
- Owning group:** (empty)
- Owner:** (highlighted with a red box)
- Entity:** (highlighted with a red box)
- Inherit from risk statement:**
- Risk Statement:** (empty)
- Description:** (empty)
- Additional Information:** (empty)

- The Central Risk Team then reviews the risk and associates the risk to the appropriate risk statement, before releasing the risk assessment.

#### 2.4.3 Risk Appetite

- There is a Risk appetite tab under your risk record and risk assessment record showing the Risk Appetite and Tolerance levels linked to the Risk Statement of your risk (see screenshot below). POL has approved risk appetite and tolerance levels for the following areas: Technology, People, Commercial, Legal, Operational, Governance and Finance. If there is not an approved risk appetite statement, the risk appetite tab will be empty.
- Within the same tab, you can also see the risk appetite status, if the risk has been assessed before (the field will be empty if the risk has not been assessed yet). This shows if the risk is "inside appetite", "outside appetite" or "outside tolerance". You have to consider the risk appetite and tolerance when assessing your risk and completing the risk response (please see sections 2.6.6 and 2.6.7).

Assessment summary Risk appetite Monitoring Activity journal

Use the below attributes to define the risk appetite and tolerance for this risk. By default, the appetite and tolerance values are copied from the associated risk statement.

Override qualitative risk appetite

Qualitative appetite **Averse (1-5)** ⓘ

Qualitative tolerance **Cautious (6-10)** ⓘ

Risk appetite statement

Across this theme, in most circumstances, we broadly have an **Averse** appetite to being **non-compliant** with our statutory and regulatory obligations (other than PCR). So, we will avoid taking pretty much any risk in this area (where at all possible) and have an extremely low appetite for any new risks materialising.

Risk appetite status

The risk appetite status is automatically calculated based on the defined risk appetite and the results from the latest assessment of the primary assessment methodology. The appetite status helps in monitoring the risk and defining further actions to bring the risk within the appetite.

Qualitative appetite status **Outside tolerance** ⓘ ⓘ

## 2.5 LOCATE RISKS

- The preferred method to locate your risks is through 'My Risks' section on your Risk Users Dashboard:

Risk Users ▼

My Risks

Number	Name	Entity	Category
RK0022302	Failure to identify loans to the post of...	Central Risk	(empty)
RK0021727	Operational	Post Office	Operational
RK0021765	Oversight	Group General Counsel	Governance

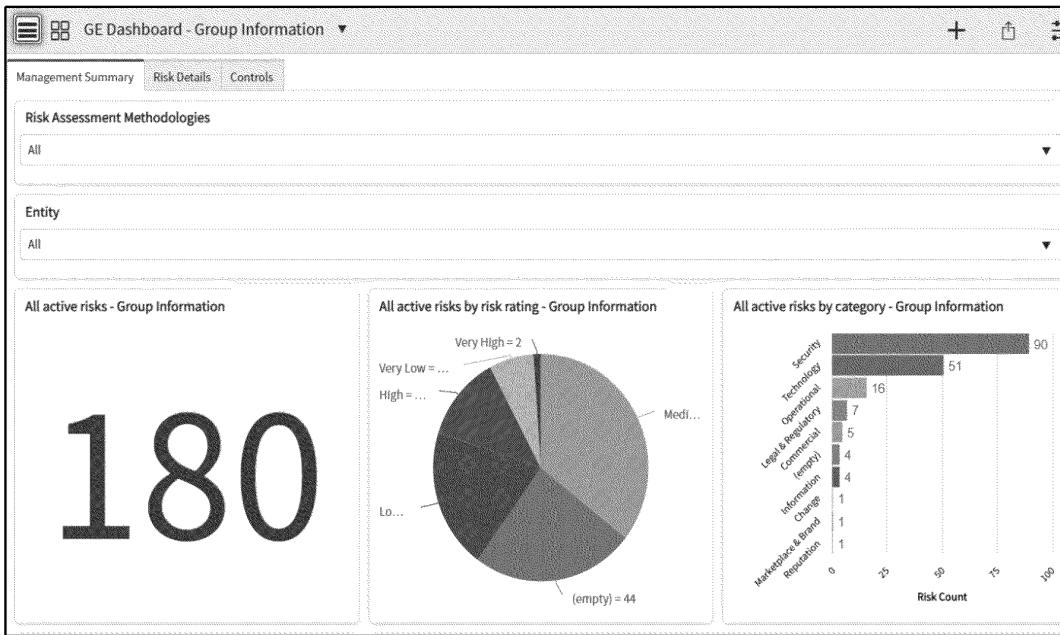
- Alternatively, you can select "risks" under Risk on the left panel, which shows all active risks of which you are the risk owner:

Risks New Search Name

All > Owner is Roberta Zavaglia > State != Retired

Name	Entity	Owner	Description	Category	Risk response	Inherent risk
Failure to identify loans to the post office	Central Risk	Roberta Zavaglia	Accounting errors can lead to incorrect ...	(empty)		
Operational	Post Office	Roberta Zavaglia	The current mains & locals formats are t...	Operational	Mitigate	High (Score: 12)
Oversight	Group General Counsel	Roberta Zavaglia	Because of non-alignment of the owner	Governance	Mitigate	Medium (Score: 6)

- If you own a Business Unit or Department, you can also locate your Business Area risks from your GE Dashboard by clicking on to 'All active risks' chart or 'Risk Details' tab.



## 2.6 ASSESS A RISK

### 2.6.1 Notifications

- You will receive a notification at important points in the life cycle of the risk assessment:
  - When the risk assessment has been initiated. You will receive an email with a link to the assessment, asking you to perform a risk assessment before the due date.
  - When the risk assessment has been re-assigned to you from the risk owner.
  - When risk assessment is due.
  - When risk assessment is overdue (the Due date has passed).
  - When a risk response task is assigned to you.
  - When a risk mitigation is overdue.

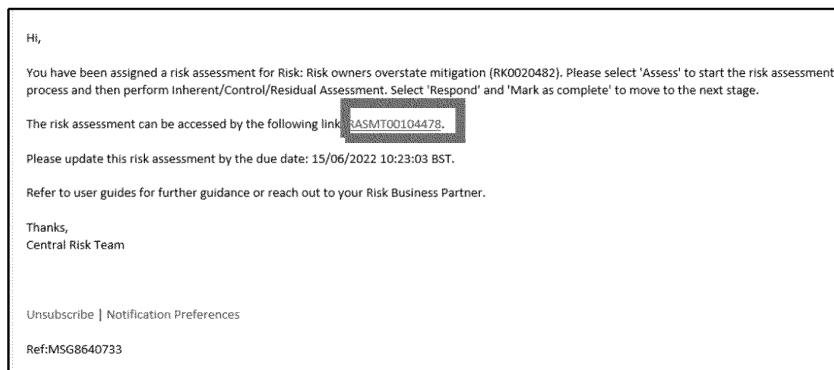
### 2.6.2 Initiate a risk assessment

- You as a Risk Owner cannot initiate an assessment.
- All risks in a 'Mitigate' state will be released for assessment by the Central Risk Team driven by the dates aligned to RCC. SNOW Risk Assessment Schedule (including Risk assessment release dates and due dates for risk assessments to be completed) can be found in the Central Risk Team intranet page [Governance, Risk & Compliance Tool \(sharepoint.com\)](#).
- All risks in 'Accept' state will be automatically released for assessment by the system on the 'acceptance due date' (refer to paragraph 2.7.2 Risk Acceptance Task for more details).
- You can make ad hoc requests for risks that require assessments. In this case request to initiate an assessment to your RBP or Central Risk via risk chat or email:
  - If the risk in a Mitigate state has increased or decreased and you would urgently like to reflect this within the risk before the risk assessment release dates;
  - If you need to change a risk score before the acceptance due date;
  - If you have a new risk that has not been initiated;
  - If you wish to retire a risk (refer to paragraph 2.8)

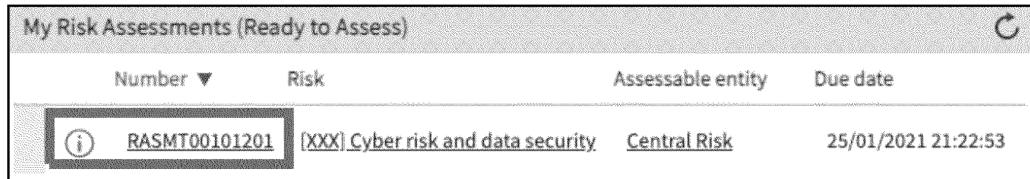
- If you do not wish to change the scores before the risk assessment release dates, you add can detail to the activity journey to note for when you do assess the risk.

### 2.6.3 Start risk assessment process

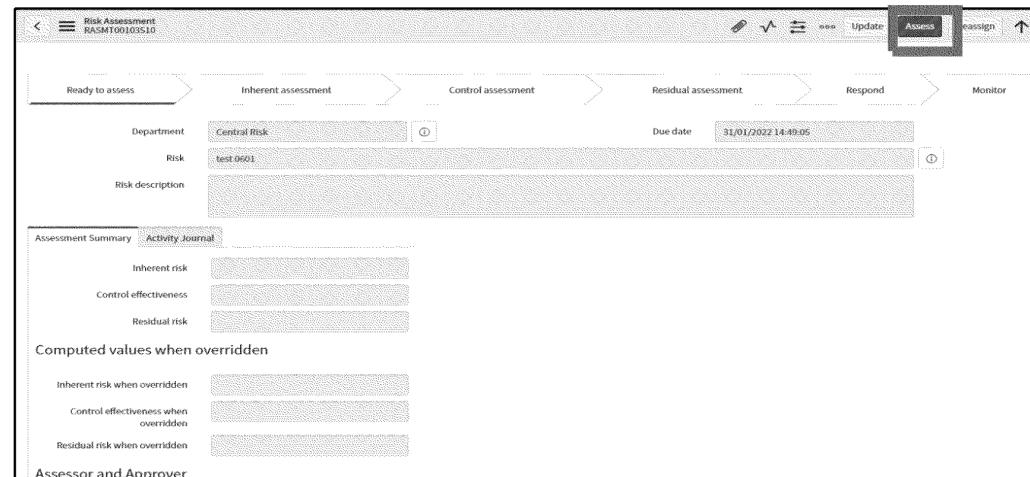
- You should have received an email asking you to perform risk assessment, containing the link to the risk assessment to be performed:



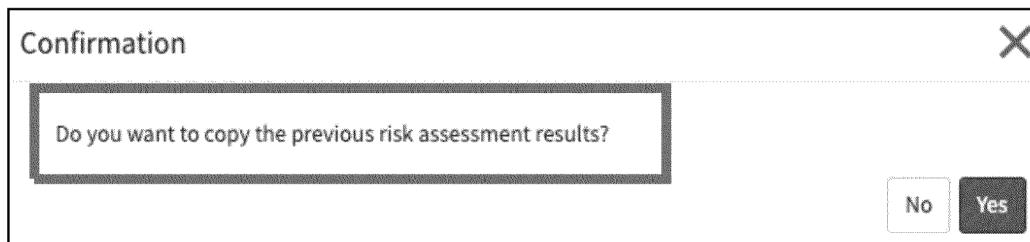
- Log into ServiceNow, load your Risk User dashboard and locate your risk assessments in “My Risk Assessments (Ready to Assess)” list in the middle of your dashboard. Working through one by one, click on the RASMT number (not the words).



- Click ‘Assess’ to start the risk assessment process to the inherent risk assessment. Always follow the green buttons at the top right hand of the page as these will move you through each stage of the risk assessment process.



- If the risk was previously assessed, you will be asked if you want to bring forward the previous assessment. The preferred choice is 'Yes'.



- You can click 'Reassign' in title bar to reassign assessment to another member of your team, in exceptional circumstances (e.g. long term sick):



#### 2.6.4 Inherent Assessment

- The 1<sup>st</sup> stage of the risk assessment process is the 'Inherent Assessment'.
- The Inherent score is the level of risk before any control activities are applied.
- The Inherent score is determined when you assign likelihood and impact rating (between 1 and 5) to the risk. The Post Office corporate HARM table describes the impact/likelihood scales which must be applied and it can be viewed by clicking Open from the Guidance next to Impact/Likelihood(refer to paragraph 1.6 for details);

A screenshot of the 'Inherent Assessment' tab in a software interface. The top navigation bar includes 'Assessment Summary', 'Inherent Assessment' (selected), 'Control Assessment', 'Residual Assessment', 'Risk Response', and 'Activity Journal'. A message box says 'To modify your responses to factors, click the Back to inherent assessment button.' The main table has columns: Factor, Response, Qualitative Weight, and Qualitative Score. The 'Factor' row has two entries: 'Impact' and 'Likelihood'. The 'Impact' row shows 'Choose here' (button), '100%' (text), and a '—' (text). The 'Likelihood' row shows 'Guidance' (button) and 'Open' (button). A note at the bottom says 'For assistance on how to respond to this factor, click Open.'

- For existing risks, the inherent score should not be amended, unless something material about the nature of the risk has changed. Ensure that the inherent score is either the same or higher than the residual score (not lower). For new risks with no controls or remediation activity in place, the inherent score may be equal to a residual score. If you make any changes to the inherent score, add your rationale in the comments box.

Assessment Summary   Inherent Assessment   Activity Journal

Enter responses for the factors that need manual responses and save the form to view the computed inherent risk. For automated factors, the responses are automatically calculated.

Factor	Response	Qualitative Weight	Qualitative Score	Quantitative Score	Comments
* Likelihood	Possible - 3	100%	...	n/a	<a href="#">Add Comments</a>
* Impact	Moderate - 2	100%	...	n/a	<a href="#">Add Comments</a>

- Click 'Save and calculate' at the top right hand of the page to calculate the risk score:

Save and calculate   Reassign

Factor	Response	Qualitative Weight	Qualitative Score	Quantitative Score
* Likelihood	Possible - 3	100%	3.00	n/a
* Impact	Moderate - 2	100%	2.00	n/a

Results

Computed inherent risk   **Medium (Score: 6)**

- Click 'Perform control assessment':

Perform control assessment   Save and calculate

## 2.6.5 Control Assessment

- The 2nd stage of the risk assessment process is the 'Control assessment'.
- Select (tick) 'no mitigating controls to asses' if you are NOT live on the Controls Framework. Add your controls in the comment box.

Assessment Summary   Inherent Assessment   **Control Assessment**   Activity Journal

No mitigating controls to assess

Enter responses for the factors that need manual responses and save the form to view the computed control effectiveness. For automated factors, the responses are automatically calculated.

Factor	Response	Qualitative Weight	Qualitative Score	Quantitative Score	Comments
* Control Effectiveness	Choose here	100%	—	n/a	<a href="#">Add Comments</a>

✓ Ineffective  
Partially Effective  
Effective

- If you are 'live' on the Controls Framework assess your controls. Check the Related Controls tab for any controls and consider if the controls would reduce your inherent risk score. You may need to uncheck the no mitigating controls to assess before you can select the Control Effectiveness from the drop-down menu. Control assessment guidance can be viewed by clicking guidance next to Control Effectiveness (refer to paragraph 1.7 for guidance details). If there is any change, add your rationale in the comments box. Select either 'Ineffective', 'Partially effective', or 'Effective' from the drop-down list on the Response field of the Control Assessment tab.
- If there are no controls linked to your risk under the Related Controls tab and they are managed offline for example via excel/SharePoint etc, add a comment in the comment box saying that controls are managed offline and possibly include control numbers (if you have them) or processes you are using. Once you have added your comments, you will need to complete the control effectiveness by clicking the scroll down menu.
- What if you don't have any controls implemented to mitigate the risk? Tick "no mitigating controls to assess".

Factor	Response	Qualitative Weight	Qualitative Score	Quantitative Score	Comments
* Control Effectiveness	Effective	100%	3.00	n/a	<a href="#">Add Comments</a>

Factor	Response	Qualitative Weight	Qualitative Score	Quantitative Score	Comments
* Control Effectiveness	Effective	100%	3.00	n/a	<a href="#">Add Comments</a>

- If there is any change add your rationale in the comments box

Comments

- Once completed, click 'Save and calculate' at the top right hand of the page to calculate Control Effectiveness score.

Save and calculate	Reassign			
Factor	Response	Qualitative Weight	Qualitative Score	Quantitative Score
* Control Effectiveness	Effective <input type="button" value="?"/>	100%	3.00	n/a
Results	Computed control effectiveness <input type="text" value="This score is 3.00"/>			

- Click 'Perform residual assessment'.

Perform residual assessment

## 2.6.6 Residual Assessment

- The 3rd stage of the risk assessment process is the 'Residual Assessment'.
- Check to ensure that the residual risk not applicable box is not ticked to allow for the risk scores to be completed.
- Before assessing your residual score, check the risk appetite and tolerance under the risk appetite tab. All risks should be managed within the agreed risk appetite.
- The residual risk is the latest level of risk considering the effectiveness of the controls currently in place. To complete the residual risk, navigate to the Residual Assessment tab and use the drop-down Response fields for Likelihood and Impact to score the risk, on a 1-5 scale. The residual score can remain the same as previous assessment if the likelihood / impact has not changed, be increased or decreased if the likelihood / impact has changed. Add comments in the comment box with bullet points to provide the reason for the residual score being unchanged or changed after previous assessment. To help you decide you can refer to the Harm Table, which can be viewed by clicking Open from the Guidance next to Impact/Likelihood(refer to paragraph 1.6 for details).
- Click 'Save and calculate' at the top right hand of the page.

Assessment Summary	Inherent Assessment	Control Assessment	Residual Assessment	Activity Journal
Residual risk not applicable <input type="checkbox"/>				
Enter responses for the factors that need manual responses and save the form to view the computed residual risk. For automated factors, the responses are automatically calculated.				
Factor	Response	Qualitative Weight	Qualitative Score	Quantitative Score
* Impact	Minor - 1 <input type="button" value="?"/>	100%	...	n/a <a href="#">Add Comments</a>
* Likelihood	Unlikely - 2 <input type="button" value="?"/>	100%	...	n/a <a href="#">Add Comments</a>

Save and calculate    Reassign

Factor	Response	Qualitative Weight	Qualitative Score	Quantitative Score
* Impact	Minor - 1	100%	1.00	n/a
* Likelihood	Unlikely - 2	100%	2.00	n/a
<b>Results</b>				
Computed residual risk <span style="background-color: #0070C0; color: white; padding: 2px 10px;">Score: 3</span>				

- The risk appetite status is populated under the Risk appetite tab to show if the risk is within appetite (green), outside appetite (orange) or outside tolerance (red).

Assessment Summary    Risk Appetite    Inherent Assessment    Control Assessment    Residual Assessment    Activity Journal

Qualitative appetite    Averse (1-5)    ⓘ    Qualitative tolerance    Cautious (6-10)    ⓘ

Risk appetite statement

Across this theme, in most circumstances, we broadly have an Averse appetite to being non compliant with our statutory and regulatory obligations (other than PCR). So, we will avoid taking pretty much any risk in this area (where at all possible) and have an extremely low appetite for any new risks materialising.

Appetite status

Qualitative appetite status    Outside appetite    ⓘ

Update    Back to control assessment    Respond    Save and calculate    Reassign

Previous Assessments (2)    Related Controls    Open Issues    Risk Response Tasks (2)

- Complete the risk assessment by clicking 'Respond'.

Back to control assessment    **Respond**

- The risk assessment result is automatically reflected in the risk record and can be located on the 'Assessment Summary' tab:

Assessment Summary    Inherent Assessment    Control Assessment    Residual Assessment

Inherent risk	Medium (Score: 6)
Control effectiveness	Effective (Score: 3)
Residual risk	Low (Score: 2)

### 2.6.7 Risk Response

- Risks automatically move to the respond state once assessment is complete, and the 'Risk Response' tab becomes active. Select this tab and a Risk Response to the risk assessment – Mitigate (Treat), Accept (Tolerate), Avoid (Terminate) or Transfer.
- Check the risk appetite status under the Risk appetite tab. All risks outside of appetite and/or tolerance must have a mitigation plan in place to ensure the risk is brought within these levels and may be presented to the relevant governance forums for escalation/agreement of the risk position. If your risk is outside appetite or tolerance, select Mitigate or Transfer or Avoid.

Risk appetite status	Risk Response
Within appetite	Accept or Mitigate or Transfer or Avoid
Outside appetite	Mitigate or Transfer or Avoid
Outside tolerance	Mitigate or Transfer or Avoid

- For all the above responses, a risk response task is created for you to action (refer to paragraph 2.7 on how to complete these tasks and 1.8 for risk response type).

The screenshot shows a user interface for managing risk responses. At the top, there are five tabs: 'Assessment Summary', 'Inherent Assessment', 'Control Assessment', 'Residual Assessment', and 'Risk Response\*'. The 'Risk Response\*' tab is currently selected and highlighted with a black border. Below the tabs, there is a section for 'Risk response' with a dropdown menu. The dropdown menu is open, showing the following options: '-- None --', 'Accept (Tolerate)', 'Avoid (Terminate)', 'Mitigate (Treat)', and 'Transfer'. To the left of the dropdown, there is a label 'Comments' and a large empty text area. At the bottom of the interface, there are four buttons: 'Update', 'Back to residual assessment', 'Mark as complete', and 'Reassign'.

- Once done, click 'Request approval' button

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Ready to assess ✓ Inherent assessment ✓ Control assessment ✓ Residual assessment ✓ Respond Awaiting approval Monitor

Department: CISO

Risk: Test Risk ATF user

Number: RK0022049

Risk description: test

Risk Response: Mitigate (Treat)

Comments:

- Click 'Submit'. The risk assessment moves to a 'Monitor' state and the previous risk assessment moves to 'Closed' state. A response record is created and will be visible on your Risk Response tab.

Comments

Comments:

Cancel Submit

Risk Assessments (2) Risk response tasks (2) Controls Indicators Risk events Issues Policy Exceptions Tasks Upstream Risks Downstream Risks Content References								
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(i)	RASMT00105302	Group People	Very High (Score: 20)	Partially Effective (Score: 2)	Medium (Score: 6)	Mitigate (Treat)	Juliet Lang	
(i)	RASMT00105303	Group People	Very High (Score: 20)	Partially Effective (Score: 2)	Medium (Score: 6)	Mitigate (Treat)	Juliet Lang	

Risk Response Tasks (1)																			
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- Once you have completed all risk assessments the ‘My risks assessments ready to assess’ in the Risk User dashboard will now be empty.
- If you have not fully completed an assessment to the end state (i.e. ‘Request Approval’ and ‘Submit’), the assessment will be listed in the middle section of your Risk User dashboard - ‘My Risk Assessments (in Progress)’ list.
- Complete your risk assessments in progress and go back to your Risk User dashboard to check that the section ‘My Risks Assessments (in Progress)’ is now empty.

## 2.7 COMPLETE A RISK RESPONSE TASK

- Depending on the response selected on the Risk Assessment the system will automatically create and assign to the Risk Assessor one of the following:

### 2.7.1 Risk Mitigation Task

- Scroll down and click Risk Response Task tab, select the new risk mitigation record created (identified by Active is true or the latest number or a Work in progress state for mitigation task). You can also locate your new risk acceptance task in your Risk User Dashboard - My Open Risk Mitigation Task.

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- If there is already a mitigation task for your risk, the system automatically cancels your previous open risk response task (i.e. ‘Work in progress’, ‘Awaiting Approval’ or ‘Review’ state). Risk mitigations in “Closed Complete” state will not be cancelled and remain in closed state.
- You can see your cancelled mitigation task (if applicable) under the “Risk Response Tasks” of your Risk Assessment record.

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Number	Name	Assigned to	Task type	Estimated End [Risk Mitigation]	Acceptance end date [Risk Acceptance]	Active	State
MGT0003636	Mitigate Risk of Test training RZ	Juliet Lang	Risk Mitigation	31/05/2023 11:22:49		false	Cancelled
MGT0003637	Mitigate Risk of Test training RZ	Juliet Lang	Risk Mitigation	(empty)		true	Work in Progress

- Click the empty MGT number (not the words).

Number	Name	Assigned to	Task type	Estimated End [Risk Mitigation]	Acceptance end date [Risk Acceptance]	Active	State
MGT0003407	Mitigate Risk of Test	Roberta Zavarella	Risk Mitigation	(empty)		true	Work in Progress

- Complete the 'Estimated start date', 'end date' (what is the next key milestone of the remediation or the date you expect the mitigation plan to be completed by).
- Now complete the "Plan". You will have to copy and paste your Plan into the new one if your cancelled mitigation was still open (i.e. 'Work in progress', 'Awaiting Approval', 'Review') or complete the new mitigation task with new details if the previous one was 'Closed Complete'. List bullet points of key actions that will be in place or key projects that will remediate this risk. This is information that will be used to produce risk reports to your GE member and to the Risk and Compliance Committee, so be as clear as possible. This is a good example:

- Once updated click "Update", your risk response will remain in Work in progress state. You have now reviewed and update your new plan.

- If you mitigation is in 'Work in progress', You can update your risk mitigation plan at any time. You do not need to wait for a risk assessment to be released.
- Ask your RBP if you need any help.

#### Risk mitigation closure

- You can close a mitigation plan, if the risk is either in an (i) Accept state or (ii) no longer exists. If it is point (i) Contact your RBP who will release an assessment for you to complete which will enable you to rescore the risk and enter Accept in the respond section (see acceptance response task section below). If it is point (ii), refer to paragraph 2.8 for how to retire a risk.
- Once your mitigation is 'Closed Complete', the risk record will move to 'Monitor' state and it will be in read-only, so you will not be able to edit any risk details (including risk name, description, statement etc.). Your risk record will be editable again as soon as a new risk assessment is released. Your risk mitigation task will be also not editable. **Please DO NOT close your mitigation if you wish to edit your risk record or your mitigation record until your next risk assessment release.**

#### 2.7.2 Risk Acceptance Task

- Scroll down and click Risk Response Task tab, select the new risk acceptance record created (identified by Active is true or the latest number or a Work in progress state for mitigation task). You can also locate your new risk acceptance task in your Risk User Dashboard - My Open Risk Acceptance Task.
- Click on the APT number (not the words). If the risk has been accepted before there will be more than one risk acceptance tasks showing.

- The system will automatically cancel your previous open risk response task (i.e. 'Work in progress', 'Awaiting Approval' or 'Review' state). Risk acceptances in 'Accepted'/'Closed' state will not be cancelled.

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- Enter the 'Acceptance end date'. This is how long you are prepared to accept the risk for without reviewing it, and we would recommend that this is no more than 12 months. When the 'Acceptance end date' passes the system will automatically release a Risk Assessment to the Risk Owner.
- Complete the 'Plan' with the event that is driving the acceptance end date(e.g. Our Strategic plan will be finalized by the xx/xx/xx which may impact on this risk). The Plan must be relevant to the risk
- Complete the 'Justification for acceptance' section. This is a short confirmation as to why you have agreed to accept this risk for the agreed period of time. This would usually be because the risk is within the business's risk appetite. This is an example of justification for acceptance:

- Click the 'Review' button and then 'Close' button. Do not click any other buttons as this will prevent the task being completed to the Accepted state. This is very important as if this is not completed correctly, a risk assessment will not be released in the future.



- You have now fully completed the Acceptance task.
- Once your acceptance is 'Accepted', the risk record will move to 'Monitor' state and it will be in read-only, so you will not be able to edit any risk details (including risk name, description, statement etc.). Your risk record will be editable again as soon as a new risk assessment is released. Your risk acceptance task will be also not editable.
- Go back to your Risk User dashboard and the section 'My open Acceptance Tasks' should now be empty.
- If your assessment of the risk (or its controls, or your risk appetite) changes and you no longer want to accept the risk before the acceptance end date is reached contact your Risk Business Partner who can release the risk for assessment.

#### ACCEPTANCE TASK DELEGATED

- When the risk assessment is delegated to someone other than the risk owner, the delegated person should request approval by clicking the 'Request Approval' button on the top right. The risk response acceptance task is moved to the 'Awaiting Approval' state.

The screenshot shows the 'Risk Acceptance' task details. The task is currently in the 'Work In Progress' state. The 'Assigned to' field is populated with 'Roberta Zavaglio'. The 'Acceptance end date' is set to '15/07/2022'. The 'Justification for acceptance' field contains the text 'test'. The 'Customer update' field contains 'Customer update'. The status bar at the bottom indicates a field change on 06/07/2022 at 12:12:59, from 'Work In Progress' to 'Awaiting Approval'.

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Draft → Work In Progress → Awaiting Approval → Review → Closed

Number: APT0002370  
Assigned to: Roberta Zavaglia  
Acceptance end date: 15/07/2022  
Name: Accept Risk of test 2106  
Plan:  
Justification for acceptance: test  
Customer update: Customer update  
Risk: test 2106  
Priority: None  
State: Awaiting Approval

Activities: 5

Field changes: 06/07/2022 12:14:17

- Risk owners should not request approval of their tasks.
- Delegates can view approvers on the risk acceptance task record under 'Approvers'.

State: Awaiting approval was Work In Progress  
Field changes: 06/07/2022 12:22:01

State: Work In Progress was Draft  
Field changes: 06/07/2022 12:22:01

Assigned to: Rebecca Barker  
Impact: 3 - Low  
Opened by: Rebecca Barker  
State: Draft

Approver: Tim McInnes  
Comments: 06/07/2022 12:22:38

Approver: Nick Read  
Comments: 06/07/2022 12:22:38

Approvers: Edit... New Search State Search

## 2.7.3 Risk Avoidance Task

- Scroll down and click Risk Response Task tab if you are still performing your risk assessment or log into ServiceNow and load your Risk User dashboard – **My Open Risk Avoidance Tasks**.
- Select the new risk avoidance record created (identified by Active is true or the latest number or a Work in progress state for mitigation task)
- Click on the AVT number (not the words).

Risk Response Tasks (1)							
State		Search		Actions on selected rows...			
Risk Response Tasks							
Number	Name	Assigned to	Task type	Estimated End [Risk Mitigation]	Acceptance end date [Risk Acceptance]	Active	State
AVT0001112	Avoid Risk of SNOW training	Roberta Zavaglia	Risk Avoidance	(empty)		true	Work In Progress

- The system will automatically cancel your previous open risk response task, as mentioned in paragraph 2.7.1 and 2.7.2.
- Enter Plan and Steps to implement the plan.
- Click 'Update', 'Review' and 'Close' button, when you are satisfied with the plan. Your task will be in Closed state.
- Once your avoidance is 'Closed', the risk record will move to 'Monitor' state and both risk and response task records will be in read-only, as mentioned in paragraph 2.7.1 and 2.7.2.

Risk Avoidance  
AVT0001053

Work In Progress

Review

Closed

Draft ✓

Number: AVT0001053

\* Assigned to: Roberta Zavaglia

Risk: test avoidance

Priority: - None -

State: Work In Progress

Name: Avoid Risk of test avoidance

Plan

Steps

Customer update

Customer update

Work notes

Post

Activities: 2

Roberta Zavaglia

Field changes 04/05/2022 13:04:47

State: Work In Progress was Draft

Draft ✓ → Work In Progress ✓ → Review → Closed

Number: AVT0001061  
Assigned to: Roberta Zavaglia  
Risk: Test 1307  
Priority: None  
State: Review  
Name: Avoid Risk of Test 1307  
Plan  
Steps  
Customer update: Customer update

#### 2.7.4 Risk Transfer Task

- Scroll down and click Risk Response Task tab if you are still performing your risk assessment or log into ServiceNow and load your Risk User dashboard – **My Open Risk Transfer Tasks**.
- Select the new risk transfer record created (identified by Active is true or the latest number or a Work in progress state for mitigation task)
- Click on the TFT number (not the words).
- The system will automatically cancel your previous open risk response task, as mentioned in paragraph 2.7.1 and 2.7.2.

Previous Assessments (4) | Related Controls | Open Issues | Risk Response Tasks (5)

Risk Response Tasks

Number	Name	Assigned to	Task type	Estimated End [Risk Mitigation]	Acceptance end date [Risk Acceptance]	Active	State
TFT0001011	Transfer Risk of Test risk rz	Roberta Zavaglia	Risk Transfer	(empty)		true	Work In Progress

- Enter the 'Plan' details.
- Click 'Update', 'Review' and 'Close' button, when you are satisfied with the plan. Your task will be in Closed state.
- Once your transfer is 'Closed', the risk record will move to 'Monitor' state and both risk and response task records will be in read-only, as mentioned in paragraph 2.7.1 and 2.7.2.

Risk Transfer  
TFT0001011

Update Cancel Review Delete ↑

Draft ✓ Work In Progress Review Closed

Number TFT0001011 Risk test risk RB 02 1304 ⓘ

\* Assigned to Roberta Zavaglia Priority – None –

Insurance contract State Work In Progress

Vendor

Name Transfer Risk of test risk RB 02 1304

Plan

Customer update Customer update

Work notes Post

Activities: 2

Roberta Zavaglia State Work In Progress was Draft Field changes • 05/05/2022 00:58:44

Roberta Zavaglia Field changes • 05/05/2022 00:58:43

Recent items Previous activity

Risk Transfer  
TFT0001010

Update Back to Draft Cancel Close Delete ↑

Draft ✓ Work In Progress ✓ Review Closed

Number TFT0001010 Risk Test 1307 ⓘ

Assigned to Roberta Zavaglia Priority – None –

Insurance contract State Review

Vendor

Name Transfer Risk of Test 1307

Plan

Customer update Customer update

Work notes Post

### 2.7.5 Activity Journal

- Your RBP will use the ‘Additional comments’ box of the Activity Journal tab to communicate with you tagging you in.
- You can add notes/communication in the ‘Additional comments’ box and interact with your RBP or other risk users using the tagging functionality @ and then entering the name of the person you want to mention.
- You can click ‘Post’ to move additional comment to Activities stream.

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The screenshot shows the Activity Journal tab selected. An additional comment 'Gathering documentation to make assessment' is visible. A post from 'Post' with the same comment is shown, with a dashed arrow indicating the relationship between the comment and the post. The post includes a timestamp '14/01/2021 13:23:17'.

The screenshot shows a risk record for 'Risk - ITHC Penetration Test recorded Security Vulnerabilities'. It includes an 'Assessment summary' section with a mention input field, an 'Additional comments' section, and an 'Activities' section listing 6 activities. One activity is from 'Chanchal Samaiya' with a timestamp '12/05/2022 10:23:14'. Another activity is from 'Rebecca Barker' with a timestamp '14/04/2022 11:37:52'.

- You will receive email notifications in your Outlook if you have been tagged in any communication.

The screenshot shows an email from 'Post Office ServiceNow <postoffice@service-now.com>' to 'Roberta Zeraglia'. The subject is 'You have been mentioned in Financial Statements are materially misstated'. The email body includes a 'servicenow' logo and a link to a web browser if there are problems with the message. It also contains a note about being mentioned by 'georgina blair' and instructions to stop receiving emails or unsubscribe.

- In the Activity Journal you can also see changes to your risks related to Category, Description, Entity, Name, Owner, Risk Statement and State.

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Activity journal for Risk - Unauthorised matching rule changes are made

Activities: 2 (Filtered)

Cam Scott-Briggs (Category: Financial)

Cam Scott-Briggs (Description: Unauthorised matching rule changes are made, Entity: Financial Controls, Name: Unauthorised matching rule changes are made, Owner: Louisa de Freitas, Risk Statement: Materially Misstated Financial Statements, State: Draft)

- You can use the 'Filter Activity' functionality to choose the kind of communication that you want to see in your Activity journal (i.e. Additional comments only, risk changes related to Category, Description, Entity, Name, Owner, Risk Statement and State).

Activity journal for Test Risk Admin. View: Advanced risk

Activities: 8

Roberta Zavaglia (State: Respond was Assess)

Roberta Zavaglia (State: Assess was Respond)

Roberta Zavaglia (State: Respond was Assess)

System (State: Assess was Draft)

Roberta Zavaglia (State: Assess was Draft)

Filter Activity

All

Additional comments

Category

Description

Entity

Name

Owner

Risk Statement

Sidebar discussion

Sidebar posted message

State

- You can use the functionality "Follow" to follow updates on one particular risk;

The screenshot shows a software interface for managing risks. At the top, there's a toolbar with buttons for 'Follow', 'Update', 'Retire', and 'Delete'. Below the toolbar, a message bar displays two notifications: one about following the risk and another about being notified of new comments or work notes. The main form contains the following fields:

- Name:** Test risk rz
- Number:** RK0022206
- Active:** Active
- Owning group:** [empty]
- Category:** Legal & Regulatory
- Owner:** Roberta Zavaglia
- Entity:** Central Risk
- Risk Statement:** Non-compliance with Statutory
- Description:** Risks that Post Office is non-compliant with its Statutory and Regulatory requirements which inhibits its ability to deliver its Strategic Priorities of (i) rebuilding trust (ii) transforming technology (iii) improving branch profitability.
- Additional Information:** [empty]

At the bottom of the interface, there are tabs for 'Assessment summary', 'Risk appetite', 'Monitoring', and 'Activity journal'. A note below these tabs states: 'The scores of the risk assessment methodology selected as primary are displayed in the Risk Scoring section.' Below this note, there are buttons for 'Risk assessment methodology' and 'Department Risk Assessment', followed by a 'Risk Scoring' button.

- You will receive notifications on your Outlook if there are any updates on your risk or if you have been tagged in any communication.

## 2.8 RETIRE / CLOSE A RISK

If the risk no longer exists and therefore does not require further assessment or monitoring and you wish to Retire or 'Close' the risk, contact your RBP.