Pattern and severity of harm
Consider: harm and its cumulative effect; current risks and concerns; parenting history in relation to siblings.

Likelihood
Consider the changing family dynamics and other complicating factors.
Can the parent/caregiver prioritise the child’s needs and safety? What are the constraints?
What is the likelihood of the child suffering significant harm in the future if nothing changes?

Strengths and Protective Factors
What are the current protective factors?
What are the strengths within the family that increases the potential for safety?

Vulnerability
Consider the child’s: development, temperament, behaviours, medical conditions, special needs and parental beliefs about the child.

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