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Patient Name or Identifier:

Diagnosis

- What is the diagnosis?

- What do you know about this condition?

- What do you need to research?

- What experience do you have of working with someone with this diagnosis?

Most Recent Full Assessment

- What is their presenting problem?

- How is this impacting their life?

- How long has it been a problem for them?

- What history do they have of this issue?

- Has anything helped them in the past?



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Most Recent Full Assessment

- **What do you already know about this presentation?**
- **What do you need to research?**
- **What experience do you have of supporting someone in a similar situation?**

Identified Trauma / Significant History

- Are there any references to trauma, adverse life events, or significant history?
- How might these experiences be impacting the person today?
- What do you know about trauma-informed care?
- What do you need to explore further?



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Social Needs

- Are there any social factors affecting their wellbeing (e.g. housing, income, education, employment)?
- What do you know about these factors and how they impact health?
- What services or supports are (or could be) involved?

Family, Carers & Support Systems

- Is there family or carer involvement?
- What support do they provide?
- Are there any unmet needs for family/carers?
- How is this documented or addressed in the care plan?



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Risk

- What risks are identified in their notes (to self or others)?

- What's the history of this risk?

- What measures or plans are in place to manage it?

- What is your understanding of this type of risk presentation?

- What do you need to research?



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Care Plan

- What are the main goals of their care plan?

- What interventions are being offered?

- What do you know about these interventions?

- What do you need to research?

- What experience have you had with these interventions in practice?



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Medication

- What medication (if any) are they prescribed?

- What do you know about this medication?

- What do you need to research?

- What experience do you have supporting someone prescribed this?



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Reflection

- What have you learned about this person?
- How has this learning shaped or challenged your assumptions?
- How will this impact the way you support or care for them?



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Questions, Unfamiliar Terms & Research Areas

- What words, terms or abbreviations were unfamiliar to you?
- What questions came up as you read?
- What would you like to ask your Practice Supervisor or Assessor about?
- What do you plan to research after reading?



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