

Evidence and Alternative Explanations

Event / question: _____

Prepared with: _____ Review date: _____ Record ref: _____

Start with a neutral event description. Treat each proposed explanation as a question to test. Record evidence references, including source, date, and limitations. Consider multiple interacting conditions; do not force one causal chain.

Possible explanation / branch	Supporting evidence	Contradicting evidence / gaps	Next check / owner / due
What would need to be true?	Source / ref / reliability limits	What does not fit? What is unknown?	What could distinguish the alternatives?

Evidence-supported conclusion / remaining uncertainty:

Control gap to verify / immediate restriction or escalation:

Next action / owner / due date / review trigger:

Do not turn repeated accounts into independent corroboration. An untested explanation remains open; link improvement actions to supported findings.