Level of risk? Factors affecting your judgement?

Sarah is 15 and has had a number of adverse childhood experiences which include substance misuse, bereavement, self harm and suicidal ideation. You are aware that Sarah’s mother also has a history of mental ill health leading to Sarah coming into care.

Sarah has been missing on 3 occasions in the past week.

She stayed out overnight on the last occasion with her phone switched off.

In the morning Sarah was found by a friend asleep on their front door and called you for help.

You go to pick Sarah up and notice cuts and bruises plus Sarah is not very responsive.

The friend said she understood Sarah had some bad news last night but doesn’t know what that is.

**How could this scenario play out and what actions might you need to take as the situation develops?**