CHECKLIST

Understanding Actus Reus in Your Case

- [ ] Identify the specific conduct or result alleged in the charge
- [ ] Ask your solicitor which elements the prosecution must prove
- [ ] Determine whether your actions were voluntary
- [ ] Consider any intervening events that may have broken causation
- [ ] Establish whether a legal duty to act existed if an omission is alleged
- [ ] Review the evidence supporting each element of actus reus
- [ ] Assess whether the Crown can prove the physical element beyond reasonable doubt
- [ ] Discuss potential defences with your legal team early