Integrated Care Pathway (ICP) - Pre Birth planning: Maternity & Social Care

**Philosophy of care:** To identify, refer and work effectively in a multi-agency setting to safeguard mother and baby

**Pathway to be used alongside ICP - Safeguarding Children**

(Linked with MAST, MAPLAG & MARAC Protocols)

**Criteria for Referral:**
- Substance Misuse: Past, current or suspected drug and/or alcohol use
- Safeguarding: All referrals made to Specialist Services: Children Young People and Families (CYPF). Consideration given to Complex Cases discussed at MAST
- Mental Health: All referrals accepted into Perinatal Psychiatry Service
- Learning Disability: All women who fit this category.
- Homeless & Asylum: All women who fit this category.

**Risk Identified:**
- Identification of Child Protection concern
- CMW to review GP records for historical information.
- Referral to CYPF via phone call followed up in writing (48hrs).
- Referral to VSM Team
- Complete CAF at earliest opportunity

**Follow Up:**
- VSM review historical records.
- VSM team receives update from CYPF.
- VSM team update maternity records
- VSM & CMW update each other.

**Core group Meeting:**
- VSM Care coordinator /& or CMW attend
- VSM and CMW communicate outcome to each other
- VSM Care Coordinator updates maternity notes

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**Birth:**
- Review & follow Birth Plan
- Notify Named SW / CYPF team of Birth
- Notify CMW & VSM Team.
- VSM team to discuss case with named SW

**Post Delivery Hospital:**
- Contemporaneous documentation of care by ward staff
- VSM coordinator updates social care daily.
- Attend meetings as required to facilitate joint visit on ward as required.
- If additional concerns arise VSM contact named SW in order to re consider risk. Discussion to include if safe for mother to continue care for baby**
  1. Mother & baby transferred home.
  2. Transfer baby to care of other as per plan.

**Post Delivery Community:**
- CMW on-going review & documentation of care
- CMW updates Health Visitor & Social Care as required.
- Attendance at meetings as required.
- Arrange joint visit at home if required.
- If additional concerns arise CMW/VSM to contact named SW to reassess risk**

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*If out of hours 2902 Bleep holder to review and contact Out of Hours Team**

"If agreement cannot be reached regarding review of risk follow escalation policy."
### Timing:
Aim for 32 weeks due to the association of premature birth and social deprivation and vulnerability.

### Attendance:
Chair, Team Manager Children Young People and Families.
Attendees as with case conference/core group – must include Midwifery & Health visiting so that unborn needs can be addressed.

### Agenda

#### Outcome of assessment thus far:
- Feedback of assessment.
- Identification of outstanding aspects related to assessment
- Review of risks in general (short & long term)

#### Outline risks in hospital setting using assessment framework:
- Risks for mother – prebirth/delivery/post natal – capacity issues
- Risks related to Partner and extended family – family and environment.
- Risks for staff

#### How can risk be managed:- labour ward; postnatal ward:
- What can hospital routine care offer?
- What additional support is required:- family; CYPF& health – funding implications
- Consider if Public Law Outline (PLO) can assist with process? Is Interim care Order (ICO) or Emergency Protection Order (EPO) required? Should hearing be expedited?
- Has this been approved by Case Review Panel?

#### Options for transfer home:
- Family; extended family; foster care; mother & baby unit.

### Abbreviations
- VSM – Vulnerabilities Specialist Midwifery Team
- CMW – Community Midwife
- CYPF – Children Young People and Families
- MAST – Multi Agency Support Team
- MARAC – Multi Agency Risk Assessment Conference
- MAPLAG – Multi Agency Pregnancy Liaison and Assessment Group
- PLO – Public Law Outline
- CP – Child Protection
- CIN – Child In Need
- ICO – Interim Care Order
- EPO – Emergency Protection Order