

Continuum of Children's Needs

A Universal Health Service Provision Offered is offered to all prospective parent(s)/carer(s) with:

- A timely pregnancy booking in of pregnancy with a GP or Midwife
- Follow antenatal appointments with GP, Obstetrician, Midwifery and Health Visiting Services

An unborn baby may present with Wellbeing Needs where prospective parent(s)/carer(s) have: -

- Delayed pregnancy booking and/or have missed some antenatal appointments
- Some concerns (or practitioners have some concerns) medical advice is not being followed e.g. smoking and the use of alcohol
- Identified relationship difficulties
- Or make a lack of adequate preparation for the baby without prompting
- A lack of suitable housing for the baby
- Special/extra needs/physical disabilities/ill health

An unborn baby may present with Health and Development Needs where prospective parent(s)/carers have: -

- Concealed/denied their pregnancy
- Are under 16 years
- Are looked after children
- Are care leavers (in need of support)
- Expressed a wish to relinquish their baby at birth.
- Missed their antenatal appointments following booking
- Disclosed and/or there are concerns they may have issues with domestic abuse.
- Persistent substance use (including alcohol).
- Demonstrated a lack of preparation for their baby despite attempts to prompt or offer support
- Housing instability or homelessness and/or no recourse to public funds.
- A history of significant mental health concerns which are poorly managed.
- Learning disabilities and there is uncertainty around their parental capacity.

An unborn baby may have Safeguarding Needs where prospective parents are: -

- At current significant/persistent risk of domestic abuse
- Avoidant of antenatal care and have missed the majority of appointments following booking
- Uncooperative with health care/non-compliant with medical treatment
- Or have a lack of understanding or are unwilling to learn of the needs of their baby
- Under the age of 13
- Significant problematic substance users (including alcohol)
- Presenting with signs of serious neglect of self and living conditions
- Have had FGM and there are concerns about the risk of FGM for their baby in the future
- At risk of child trafficking/modern slavery/forced marriage/risk of honour based violence
- · Or have had children removed from their care
- Or have had previous children who experienced neglect/non-accidental injury/death of a child
- Associated with adults who pose risk or they themselves pose a risk of harm to children
- At risk of child sexual abuse/exploitation
- Or have a dangerous dog (or significantly poorly cared for animals) in the home
- Or demonstrate violent, criminal behaviours, or are in prison/on probation due to same
- Themselves subject to a Health and Development Plan or Child Protection Plan
- Or pose risk their baby may suffer/be likely to suffer Fabricated or Induced Illness (FII)