



Halton Pre-birth Supporting Information

The Pre-birth Supporting Information document must be completed to accompany all referrals made by professionals where there are concerns for an Unborn Baby.

Background

The purpose of the Pre-birth Supporting Information document is to support practitioners who are worried about an unborn baby to provide all relevant information when making a referral to Children's Social Care.

If there is concern regarding parents ability to provide safe care for their child when born, referrals must be timely to ensure that we have sufficient time to work collaboratively with parents, to undertake full and informed assessments, provide pre-birth support and intervention and make appropriate plans for the baby.

Where the worries for the unborn baby relate to a parents behaviour or health, the referrer must be explicit about how this parental issue is likely to impact on the baby and what risks are predicted.

Concerns should be shared with prospective parent(s) and consent obtained to refer to Children's Social Care unless this places the welfare of the unborn baby at risk, for example, there is a risk the parent(s) may move to avoid contact with professionals.

Evidence

1. Has there been a previous unexplained death of a child, whilst in the care of either parent?

YES NO

If YES, please provide further information

2. Has a parent or other adult in the household been convicted for violent offences/conduct?

YES NO

If YES, please provide further information

3. Is the mother, father or sibling/s in the household subject to a Child Protection Plan?

YES

NO

If YES, please provide further information

4. Has the mother, father or a sibling previously been removed from the household by court order or Accommodated Section 20, as a result of concerns regarding Significant Harm?

YES

NO

If YES, please provide further information

5. Is the degree of domestic abuse known to have occurred, likely to impact on the baby's safety or development?

YES

NO

If YES, please provide further information

6. Is the degree of parental substance misuse likely to impact on the baby's safety or development?

YES

NO

If YES, please provide further information

7. Is the degree of parental mental illness/impairment likely to significantly impact on the baby's safety or development?

YES

NO

If YES, please provide further information

8. Is there concerns about the prospective parents' ability to care for themselves and/or to care for the child. For example where the parent has no support and/or has learning disabilities or their parenting is impacted due to their own childhood experiences?

YES NO

If YES, please provide further information

9. Is there evidence of Female Genital Mutilation or Honour Based Abuse with regards to maternal and/or paternal family members?

YES NO

If YES, please provide further information

10. Has a parent previously been suspected of having Fabricated or Induced Illness in a child, or a prospective parent who has been the subject of fabricated or induced illness as a child themselves?

YES NO

If YES, please provide further information

11. Any other concern/s that the baby may be at risk of significant harm?

YES NO

If YES, please provide further information

