

**Brighton & Hove LSCB: Learning Review (SCIE Themed Approach)**  
**Pre Birth Assessment Audit Tool**

<b>Child's Initials:</b>		
<b>CF ID:</b>		
<b>DOB:</b>		
<b>Auditor(s)</b>		
<b>Practice Area</b>	<b>Evaluation</b>	<b>Grade</b> 1.Outstanding 2.Good 3.Requires Improvement 4.Inadequate
1. The quality & timeliness of the pre birth assessment (ref: other than Social Work to include: initial pre birth booking by midwife/FNP assessment & any other agency)		
2. The quality of the plan agreed for the Mother		
3. The quality & timeliness of the original referral to ACAS/MASH		
4. The timeliness and appropriateness of the response to the referral		
5. The quality & appropriateness of the pre birth assessment completed by Children's Social Work		
6. The effective progression of the work from this point forward		
7. The quality & impact of any multi agency planning meetings		
8. The quality of reporting & recording in general		
<b>Overall Judgment</b> <i>Please highlight strengths of practice and/or areas in need of improvement</i>		

<b>Practice</b>	<b>Auditor Prompts</b>
<p>1. The quality and timeliness of the pre birth assessment (other than social work and including pre birth booking by midwife/FNP/HV assessment &amp; any other agency)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Has an antenatal assessment/ booking been completed?</li> <li>- Have Baby's development needs been identified?</li> <li>- Has parenting Capacity ( Strengths &amp; difficulties ) been identified adequately ? i.e. Have questions about previous Child Protection/DV/MH (ref: Whooley) been asked?</li> <li>- Where necessary, has drug/alcohol screening been undertaken?</li> <li>- Is consideration given to the father in the assessment?</li> <li>- Has family and environmental factors been considered ? i.e. For <u>women under 19</u>, has attention been given to where &amp; who they are living with, whether they are being supported and by whom? Whether there has been previous involvement with Children's Social Work/whether they are looking after their own health. Has the teenage pregnancy midwife been consulted?</li> <li>- Has an analyse been undertaken on how information gathered in the pre birth assessment will impact on the baby and are potential risks identified?</li> <li>- Where a <u>woman under 19</u> is deemed to be vulnerable has a TAF been arranged to determine an action plan/support for the client/ whether a referral to Social Work is required?</li> <li>- Where a <u>woman under 19</u> has been or presently in the care of the local authority, has a referral been made to Children's Social Work?</li> <li>- In all cases, where CP issues have been identified have previous obstetric notes been reviewed &amp; has relevant information been obtained from professionals including historic information held by social work?</li> <li>- Where there are issues which do not meet the criteria for referral to Children's Social Work, has a referral been made to the relevant support service?.</li> </ul>
<p>2. The quality of the Plan agreed for Mother</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Is there an outcome focused plan which specifies immediate &amp; short term actions and who will do what and by when?</li> <li>- Are the actions timely and do they directly address reducing risks to the baby?</li> <li>- Is the outcome considered to be appropriate and does it demonstrate sound decision making?</li> </ul>
<p>3. The quality &amp; timeliness of the original referral to ACAS/MASH</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Was the referral made using the white form: '<i>Child Protection Referral to Social Care Services C&amp;F Team</i>' (how was this made e.g. email?)</li> <li>- Is the reason for the referral clear</li> <li>- Is there enough information/evidence to make an informed decision about further action?</li> <li>- Has all relevant information been provided e.g. contact details for individuals involved/DOB &amp; address for the father ?</li> </ul>
<p>4. The timeliness and appropriateness of the response to the referral</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Is there a timely response to the referral from Children's Social Work?</li> <li>- Has an appropriate decision been made to close the case or progress? Are the reasons for the decision appropriately recorded? Has a written reply been sent to the midwife?</li> <li>- Where no reply from Social Work, has the referring midwife followed this up and ensured that a written reply is received (even if NFA)</li> </ul>
<p>5. The quality &amp; appropriateness of the pre birth assessment completed by Children's Social Work</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Does the assessment address factors such as DV&amp;A, parental SM, MH issues, risk of sexual harm to the children, parents' care leaving history and learning difficulties?</li> <li>- Has all relevant information been obtained from professionals and others including historic information held by social work?</li> <li>- Is adequate consideration given to the father in the assessment?</li> <li>- Is there a robust analysis of need which includes risk &amp; protective factors, including parental capacity?</li> <li>- Is the assessment completed in a timely manner?</li> <li>- Is decision making proportionate, particularly if it was for no further involvement?</li> </ul>

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| 6. The effective progression of the work from this point forward | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Are emergency actions taken to secure the immediate safety of the baby/ Is there a record of whether legal action is required?</li> <li>- Is there an outcome focused plan which specifies immediate &amp; short term actions and who will do what and by when?</li> <li>- Are the actions timely and do they directly address reducing risks to the baby?</li> <li>- Is the outcome considered to be appropriate and does it demonstrate sound decision making?</li> <li>- Has a safeguarding birth plan been completed? (Following the pre birth conference or where there are specific safeguarding instructions related to the perinatal period)</li> </ul>  |
| 7. The quality & impact of any multi agency planning meetings    | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Is there appropriate agency representation in Pre birth/Review Conference/Core Group Meeting?</li> <li>- Is there clear allocation of roles and responsibilities for agencies?</li> <li>- Are agencies making contributions as required</li> <li>- Are agencies measuring the impact and difference they are making?</li> </ul>  |
| 8. The quality of reporting & recording in general               | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Are records clear/concise/accurate/ up to date/complete?</li> <li>- Do records demonstrate analysis and reflective practice</li> <li>- Midwifery: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Has the risk assessment (undertaken at booking) been reviewed and the risk status altered accordingly with appropriate referrals and individual plan of care?</li> <li>▪ Has a Yellow 'Safeguarding Information' Form been completed &amp; copies sent to Safeguarding Midwife/Hospital Notesx2 / Relevant Community Team?</li> <li>▪ Have safeguarding continuation sheets been completed for every contact with the client and any key professionals?</li> <li>▪ Have copies of maternity safeguarding paperwork been sent to the Safeguarding Midwife</li> </ul> </li> <li>- Is there evidence that Managers have read records &amp; recorded their decisions if appropriate?</li> </ul> |