

Argyll and Bute Pre-Birth Referral Pathway

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By 16 weeks

Ante-natal assessment completed by named midwife using:-
SWHMR v 6 (Inc. GIRFEC Practice Model)
Vulnerable families pathway (0 – 3)
AN WBI Tool and antenatal plan
If previously known high risk family refer directly to Social Work
Allocate Health Plan Indicator (HPI)

16-20 weeks

1. Completes additional antenatal plan, commences Chronology of significant event and shares electronically with appropriate agencies
2. Highlight how pressures may impact on outcomes with women and unborn baby
3. Midwife to notify Social Work of potential risk of significant harm

No later than 20 - 22 weeks

Multi-agency **antenatal plan meeting** convened by Midwife including pregnant woman/parents and partner agencies
Social Work invited if probable risk of significant harm indicated
If concerns about substance misuse Midwife refers to addictions nurse as per GOPR procedures

Expected outcome of the antenatal plan meeting based on shared assessment of risk and needs

If the meeting identifies a multi-agency antenatal plan is required a decision will be made on whether to follow GIRFEC or child protection procedures, following this decision the appropriate Lead professional will be appointed. At the end of the meeting a review date is set.

22 - 28 weeks

Where interagency conflict arises when appointing a Lead Professional a joint (MW&SW) home visit to take place within 2 weeks
Where Social Work are identified as Lead Professional, SW **MUST** complete a further risk assessment and reconvene by 28 weeks
Decision on whether to instigate child protection procedures:-

Where the decision to instigate child protection procedures is taken Social Work will complete a further risk assessment and convene an initial PBCC at 28 weeks

By 28 weeks

If Child protection - Pre-birth Initial Child Protection Case Conference convened by Social Work
Name placed on Child Protection Register Name **not** placed on Child Protection Register

Social Worker appointed
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Late Presentation

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