



# Information for Parents

child protection during pregnancy



Staff will have spoken to you about the need for you to have additional support during your pregnancy. They will have told you that they were giving your name to the inter agency liaison group in the area where you live.

## Inter Agency Liaison Group

The inter agency liaison group is chaired by a social work manager and is attended by other professionals. The liaison group will meet on a regular basis and will agree what supports might assist you and request that a full assessment of your needs is carried out.

## Assessment of your needs

You will be involved in the assessment process and any professional working with you at this time will also contribute to the assessment report which will be written by your own or another social worker. The assessment should be completed by your 28th week of pregnancy, and you will be given a copy of the report.

## What happens next

If during the assessment workers feel that the supports you have are enough then your health and well-being will be monitored until your baby is born.

However, if workers feel that you require any additional supports then you may be asked to attend a pre-birth case conference.

## Pre-Birth Case Conference

The pre-birth case conference is a meeting to which a range of people will be invited. A senior social work manager will chair the meeting. The meeting will consider the risk of harm to your unborn baby and any potential future risk when your baby is born. All those attending this meeting will have knowledge of you and your circumstances. Your social worker can advise you who will be attending. You will be invited to attend this meeting. You can bring someone to support you at this meeting such as a family member, friend or legal representative. Those invited to attend usually provide a written report of their knowledge and involvement with you and your family. Your contribution is very important to this meeting and your views will be listened to. Your views can also be written down and presented to the meeting. If you need help to write this report please speak to the social worker who has prepared the report for the meeting. A family member could also help you with this. When everyone has had an opportunity to speak, decisions will be made about what should happen next. Your baby's welfare will always be at the centre of any decisions made. The main priority is to make sure your baby is safe and will be properly cared for. It is also important that if you need help to do this, then appropriate support is made available.

## Decisions of this meeting could be

- that the correct supports are in place for you and there is no need for a further meeting
- that the correct supports are in place, however, a further meeting would be arranged once your baby is born to make sure these supports are still in place
- that if there continues to be concerns about you and your pregnancy, a child protection case conference may be arranged before you and your baby leave the hospital

Contact details:

Name of worker: .....

Phone: .....

Office: .....

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