



Centre for Professional Practice

Practice Briefing Note

Title:	Completing Pre-Birth Assessments
Effective From:	12 th March 2019
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Practice Note:	<p><u>Title: Completing Pre-Birth Assessments</u></p> <p>All Pre-Birth Assessments should be completed using the Dudley Pre-Birth Assessment Guidance, available on the CPP website (link). The guidance draws extensively on the work of Martin C Calder – as described in “Unborn Children: A Framework for Assessment and Intervention”. It is designed to help professionals to consider a range of issues that could potentially have a significant negative impact on the child; and to consider key questions to address when undertaking assessments.</p> <p>The Pre-Birth Assessment Guidance is separated in to four parts. Each of these parts should be used to draw out and prompt key issues for assessment.</p> <p>Part 1 is the Assessment Details (points 1 to 6 of the guidance)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Dates of home visits;• Consent;• Potential barriers to assessment;• Reasons for assessment;• Analytical chronology;• Information from partner agencies. <p>Part 2 is the Impact on Care offered to Baby (points 7 to 21 of the guidance)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Parent’s behaviour;• Health;• Parent’s mental health;• History of being responsible for children;• History of abuse as a child;• Attitudes and beliefs re convictions or findings (or suspicions or allegations);• Attitudes to the baby;• Dependency on partner;• Parent’s abilities;• Communication;• Learning disability;• Attitude to professional involvement;• Ability to identify and appropriately respond to risks;• Ability to understand and meet needs of the baby;• Ability to understand and meet needs throughout childhood. <p>Part 3 is the Family Environmental Factors (points 22 to 27 of the guidance)</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Genogram information; • Relationships; • Social history; • Home conditions; • Circumstances; • Support; <p>Part 4 is the Social Worker Analysis and Recommendations, and the Manager's Authorisation (points 28 to 29 of the guidance).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Evidence based risk assessment, analysis and conclusion; • Recommendations; • Manager comments at authorisation point.
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