

Maternity: 8 weeks onwards pregnancy booked by Community Midwife.

Referral should be sent from any primary health care setting as soon as the pregnancy is confirmed and this should be as   
early as possible. Referral triaged against NSCB guidelines. Sent to Social Care if concerns identified. Relevant health   
professionals notified.

**Pre-birth/ discharge planning meeting – no later than 32 weeks. Placement Request to be submitted to PMS following Gateway and all care options to be available to the Court.**

**On decision to issue S31 proceedings at Gateway, SWET, Care Plan and evidential documents to legal no later than week 35. Share papers with legal and their representative no later than 7 days before due date.**

**Detail of care options to be made available to the Court and ahead of first hearing.**

Initial CIN Meeting within 10 days

**Pre-birth Assessment Flowchart**[Pre-Birth Practice Guidance (proceduresonline.com)](https://www.proceduresonline.com/northamptonshire/scb/p_pre_birth_pg.html?zoom_highlight=pre-birth+assessments)

Referral to MASH.

Threshold applied and referral   
directed to the appropriate service.

Child in Need

CFSS (Child and Family Support Service   
Services Early Help)

Multi-agency Strategy   
discussion – S47 (must include Midwife and Safeguarding Midwife lead) to be held within one working day of decision.

Child in Need planning

Meetings to be held at least 6 weekly. Consider referrals to   
partner agencies.

**Formulate assessment plan and commence Pre-birth Assessment.** [**Pre-birth Assessment**](#PrebirthAssessment)

Obtain consent, complete Early Help assessment. If concerns are identified then escalate to Social Care for   
further assessment and support.

Continue CIN plan – what help/ support is needed, what needs to change.

If plan is not progressing or   
concerns increase, consider   
Strategy discussion.

**Initial Child Protection Conference – at the earliest opportunity and no later than 22 weeks.**

**Case management discussion and Legal Planning Meeting – to be in parallel with the ICPC.**

**Pre-birth Assessment to be complete to inform further planning.**[**Pre-Birth Plan without prompts**](#PreBirthpalnwithoutprompts)[**Pre\_Birth Plan**](#PreBirthplan)

**Gateway and consideration for PLO – by week 22.**

**Pre-Birth Assessment to be shared with   
parents for the PLO Meeting. 1st PLO meeting by 26 weeks.**