**Wirral Children’s Social Care pre-birth discharge meeting and plan**

Date of Planning meeting:…………………….

Attendees:

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| Mother’s name: |  |
| Mother’s date of birth: |  |
| Likely name of child: |  |
| Expected Delivery Date: |  |
| Child on a protection plan? |  | Category: |  |
| Are there safety concerns for the baby if discharged from hospital? (if yes, refer to Safety and Discharge Plan sections) |  |

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| **Contact details of relevant professionals and family members** |
| **Name** | **Role of relation to child** | **Address or agency**  | **Phone number** |
|  | Social Worker |  |  |
|  | Midwife |  |  |
|  | Health Visitor |  |  |
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| **Contact details of relevant family members**  |
| **Name** | **Relation to child** | **Address**  | **Phone number** |
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| **Background Information**(include a brief summary of any risks, concerns, safety, and protective factors identified within the pre-birth assessment in relation to the unborn child) |
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| **Considerations During Labour/Birth**(outline all the key considerations to help ensure the birthing process is well planned and occurs as safely as possible. At minimum, the midwife, social worker, and parents need to be part of this plan)**Key elements to include:*** Who will provide support during delivery (ie childcare for siblings, with mother at hospital, etc)
* Who needs to be notified and how (ie social care, EDT, Police, family members, etc)
* Any key considerations (ie: medical conditions, interpreter, special needs etc)
* How does mother intend to feed the baby ( breast, expressed breast milk, formula feed)
* Would the parents like to have skin to skin with the baby immediately following the birth
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| **Plans Within the Hospital Environment Post Birth**(outline any factors that need to be considered or implemented to ensure the child’s safety upon birth and also to support the emotional wellbeing of the parents)**Key elements to include:*** Any parenting issues to be addressed including mother’s plan for feeding (ie parenting, support etc)
* How long the baby will stay in hospital
* Supervision requirements and contact arrangements with parents or family members
* Any restrictions with partner/family members having contact with the baby
* Supporting families with making and recording memories and their Hope Boxes
* Concerns that someone may abscond with child
* Hospital/ social care alerts
* Contingency plans
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| **Issue Identified** | **Action Required** | **By whom** | **By when** |
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| **Discharge Plans** (outline what the plans are for the baby when discharged from the hospital, parents should be included in decision making and planning around how separation will happen and how they will be supported)**Key elements to include:*** If the child is subject of a child protection plan/Pre-proceedings or the LA is issuing Care Proceedings, a discharge planning meeting must take place before the child is discharged from hospital.
* To whom and where the child will be discharged to
* How do parents want the discharge/separation from baby to happen- does mother wish to be discharged first or does she wish for baby to leave the ward first.
* Any contact arrangements for the child with parents/ family members
* Visiting pattern for midwife/SW/HV/Support workers etc
* Plans to accommodate the child or initiate care proceedings
* Any medical conditions that require treatment
* What support do the parents want from professionals, friends or family with managing the separation and their own return home. (Please consider the needs of parents who may be returning home without their baby, e.g. do they want support with any belongings for the baby in their home, how will they get home, how will they get to Court, do they know where to access support etc)
* Discuss HOPE boxes with foster carer to ensure they support parents wishes and capture memories for the baby.

If it is decided the child is to be placed into the care of the Local Authority under S.20 agreement a placement planning meeting should be convened before the child’s birth and a copy shared with health professionals. This should clearly outline the role of the carers including friends and family carers and the arrangements for contact. If a planning meeting has not been arranged prior to birth please outline below the role of the carers following baby’s birth and discharge. |
| **Actions**  | **By Whom** | **By When** |
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| **Contingency Plan** Contingency plans should be in place in the event of a sudden change in circumstances. These should include instructions for hospital staff if the birth happens over the weekend or a Bank Holiday. It should be clear who to contact if the birth takes place after hours. |
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| Hope Boxes & Silver Birch Hub referral (if relevant)Ensure parents have received the information about Hope Boxes & the Silverbirch hub (inc. born in to care pathway)Is the foster carer/family support aware of the Hope Boxes and their role within this? |
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| **Any other information** |
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Signature of social worker: Date:

Signature of Midwife: Date:

Signature of Mother: Date:

Signature of Father/2nd Parent: Date: