

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

Date of Planning meeting:.....

Attendees:

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)			

Contact details of relevant professionals and family members			
Name	Role of relation to child	Address or agency	Phone number
	Social Worker		
	Midwife		
	Health Visitor		
Contact details of relevant family members			
Name	Relation to child	Address	Phone number

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)

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)

Safety Plans Post Birth

(outline any factors that need to be considered or implemented to ensure the child’s safety upon birth)

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
- Concerns that someone may abscond with child
- Hospital/ social care alerts
- Contingency plans

Issue Identified	Action Required	By whom	By when

Discharge Plans

(outline what the plans are for the baby when discharged from the hospital)

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
- 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

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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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: