

# Argyll and Bute Pre-Birth Referral Pathway

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**By 16 weeks**

Ante-natal assessment completed by named midwife using:-  
SWHMR v 6 (Inc. GIRFEC Practice Model)  
Vulnerable families pathway (0 – 3)  
AN WBI Tool and antenatal plan  
If previously known high risk family refer directly to Social Work  
**Allocate Health Plan Indicator (HPI)**

**16-20 weeks**

1. Completes additional antenatal plan, commences Chronology of significant event and shares electronically with appropriate agencies
2. Highlight how pressures may impact on outcomes with women and unborn baby
3. Midwife to notify Social Work of potential risk of significant harm

**No later than 20 - 22 weeks**

Multi-agency **antenatal plan meeting** convened by Midwife including pregnant woman/parents and partner agencies  
Social Work invited if probable risk of significant harm indicated  
*If concerns about substance misuse Midwife refers to addictions nurse as per GOPR procedures*

#### **Expected outcome of the antenatal plan meeting based on shared assessment of risk and needs**

If the meeting identifies a multi-agency antenatal plan is required a decision will be made on whether to follow GIRFEC or child protection procedures, following this decision the appropriate Lead professional will be appointed. At the end of the meeting a review date is set.

**22 - 28 weeks**

Where interagency conflict arises when appointing a Lead Professional a joint (MW&SW) home visit to take place within 2 weeks  
Where Social Work are identified as Lead Professional, SW **MUST** complete a further risk assessment and reconvene by 28 weeks  
Decision on whether to instigate child protection procedures:-

Where the decision to instigate child protection procedures is taken Social Work will complete a further risk assessment and convene an initial PBCC at 28 weeks

**By 28 weeks**

If Child protection - Pre-birth Initial Child Protection Case Conference convened by Social Work

Name placed on  
Child Protection Register

Name **not** placed on  
Child Protection Register

**Social Worker appointed**  
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## **Late Presentation**

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