

Terms of Reference

Safeguarding and Supporting Women with Additional Needs (SSWwAN) Group

Accountability

The SSWwAN Group will report to the Senior Midwives Meetings and Trust Operational Safeguarding Group.

Definition of Women with additional needs

- Women with an unborn with complex medical needs
- Women who misuse / have a history of misusing substances
- Women who are migrants, asylum seekers or refugees or who have difficulty reading or speaking English
- Young women under 20 years
- Women who experience domestic abuse or have a history of domestic abuse
- Women who have / had a history of mental health issues
- Women who have financial or housing issues
- Women with disabilities

(Women with Complex social factors NICE 2010)

Purpose

To ensure that Shrewsbury & Telford Hospital NHS Trust work with partners, stakeholders, patients and the public to promote the health and well-being of mother, baby and her family, identifying any risk factors or safeguarding concerns.

It is the role of each representative/agency to carry out any noted action and report appropriately.

All professionals/agencies should work according to the Local Safeguarding Board procedures and report any concerns accordingly

Partners to include:

Shrewsbury and Telford Hospitals NHS Trust

- Named Midwife for Safeguarding and Domestic abuse
- Named Nurse for Safeguarding

- A representative from the Community Midwifery teams: Shrewsbury, Telford, Bridgnorth, Ludlow, Oswestry, Whitchurch and Market Drayton.
- A representative from the Teenagers Identified Midwifery Team / Vulnerable women (SWAN) team.

Shropshire Community Trust

- A representative from the Health Visitor teams.
- A representative from the Telford and Wrekin Family Nurse Partnership (FNP) Team.
- A representative from the Shropshire FNP team.
- A representative from the Community Substance misuse team

South Staffordshire and Shropshire Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust

- A representative from the Community Mental health team

Shropshire Local Authority

- A representative from the Children's centre
- A representative from the Initial Contact team

Telford and Wrekin Local Authority

- A representative from Family Connect
- A representative from the Children and Families Locality Service

Womens Aid

An Independent Domestic Violence Adviser

Chair

Named Midwife for Safeguarding and Domestic Abuse

Executive Lead

Named Executive for Safeguarding – Shrewsbury and Telford Hospital NHS Trust

Function

Aim:

To prevent and reduce adult and infant mortality and morbidity in maternity & early years (adults, babies and children) using a multiagency approach to improve health and reduce inequalities

Objectives:

1. To promote effective collaboration between multi-agencies

2. To provide a forum to communicate effectively by sharing information between multidisciplinary agencies in order to reduce the risk of maternal and child morbidity and mortality

To provide comprehensive guidelines and policies, which promote multi-agency working and information sharing

Context

- Working Together to Safeguard Children and Young people (2015)
- Safer Lives <http://www.safelives.org.uk/>
- Complex social factors (NICE 2010)
- NSPCC Learning from Serious case reviews
- Learning from Child B (T&W)
- The National maternity Review 2015.

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