

## **Early Language and Communication Project**

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## An Early Language and Communication Improvement Story Board from Fife

## **Antenatal learning resource**

The issue	The team	Our idea
Antenatal contacts not carried out within the Fife HV Service in line with HV Pathway.  Parents not given the opportunity pre-birth to discuss key public health messages around importance of early language during pregnancy – talk to you bump!	Fife wide HV Service	Introduction of antenatal contacts as per HV Pathway  For women to have the opportunity to discuss and recognise how to respond to their babies needs. Encourage them to develop a positive relationship within pregnancy and importance of early communications
Tools & resources we used.	What we did	The impact
Increased staffing levels  Created a learning resource on how to deliver an effective antenatal contact in line with key public health messages such as early language and communication/attachment, sharing the value of skin to skin contact and responding to their babies needs  Utilised National HV Pathway Guidance on key points of information to share at antenatal contact	Discussed at HV Team meetings to create an understanding within the workforce of the importance of an antenatal contact and key public health messages  Circulated the learning resource to all staff  Progressed with a project lead to explore and report on antenatal compliance within the electronic record  Recommenced antenatal contact from Jan 2024	Established early relationships between HVs and parents  Progress of early assessment and early identification of issues  Earlier delivery of Public Health messages prior to birth  HVs are signposting parents to perinatal infant mental health supports pre-birth  HV's are enabling the peri-natal infant mental health team to progress with offering postnatal Solihull group sessions to parents/cares promoting early conversations with babies
Our learning 8 next steps	Further learning across the HV Service to embed antenatal contact in 2024.	
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