**What is the Forth Valley GIRFEC Pre-birth Planning Pathway?**

It is local multi agency guidance for practitioners to use when working with pregnant women, where multi-agency pre-birth assessment and planning for families is required when a vulnerability concern or child protection concern is identified.

**Pre-birth Assessment**

Pre-birth assessment is an integrated assessment and should involve partner agencies, involved with the family.

Joint visits with social work and the midwife will ensure

clear and joined up communication to the family.

Importantly, collaborative working and clarity regarding assessment helps in enabling parents to be clear on what the concerns are and what they can contribute to reduce risks to their unborn child.

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**Forth Valley interagency pre-birth assessment 2021 data.**

**Reported concern about wellbeing –** 246

**Notification of Child Protection Concern -** 98

In 2021 there were 63 Pre-birth Child Protection Planning Meetings across Forth Valley

54 unborn babies names were placed on the child protection register

13 babies were discharged to the care of social services following birth.

**Who is the GIRFEC Pre-birth Planning Pathway for?**

The guidance can be used by front line practitioners in Health/Social Work/Police/Education/

Third Sector

Parents should be actively involved in the assessment and planning for their unborn baby.

**Where can the GIRFEC Pre-birth Planning Pathway be found?**

Practitioner Pages - under Child Protection and the Unborn Child.

<https://blogs.glowscotland.org.uk/glowblogs/fvpp/child-protection/child-protection-and-the-unborn-child/>

**Joint Chronologies**

All agencies must contribute to multi-agency chronologies which provides the evidence to inform the integrated assessment

**Inter-agency Referral Discussion (IRD)**

Where child protection concerns exist for an unborn baby an IRD must take place.

All relevant information will be shared between partner agencies. This will inform the integrated pre-birth assessment and any subsequent intervention required.

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**7 Minute Briefing**

**Forth Valley Multi-agency GIRFEC Pre-birth Pathway**

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