Appendix 1

**UNBORN BABY AT RISK OF SIGNIFICANT HARM**

Concerns that an unborn child may be at risk of significant harm.

Concerns arise more than 20 weeks into the pregnancy.

Consult agency safeguarding lead about possible need for referral to children’s social care.

Refer to children’s social care.

Assessment led by children’s social care – must involve Midwifery Service.

**Pre-birth child protection conference** at 30 weeks, or within 15 working days of notification. Does the child need a child protection plan?

NO

Continue to support. If concerns return make a new referral.

YES

Midwife draws up hospital birth plan in consultation with children’s social care. Copies held by midwifery service and children’s social care (including EDT) - possibly also by police and/or health visitor.

The child also needs a Hospital Birth Plan.

Does the child protection plan state that the child will be removed at birth or on discharge from hospital?

YES

Do the parents agree that the child needs to be removed?

YES

Social worker invites parents to sign an agreement to admission under s20. Parents may withdraw agreement to admission at any time.

NO

Social worker prepares to apply for emergency protection order or interim care order. This includes the possibility that the application may need to be made by EDT.

Continue working under the child protection plan and hospital birth plan.

NO

At 36 weeks into the pregnancy the core group ensures that all practitioners understand their responsibilities under the child protection plan and birth plan.

YES