

Support in Pregnancy / Parenthood

Young people should be asked about any caring responsibilities they have as part of initial assessments carried out by Connexions PAs and on an ongoing basis as they work with a PA. Connexions PAs should ask young people if they have children and if they look after anyone else. This will help to identify both teenage parents and young carers. If young people identify as a parent or a carer this should be recorded on Insight, under Individual Circumstances.

The Common Assessment Framework (CAF) should be used, with the young person's consent, if multi-agency support is required. Guidance about when to carry out a CAF is available on the Children Leeds website:

http://www.leedsinitiative.org/children/page.aspx?id=4302&ekmense=cdb9b7c3_62_380_4302_4

You need a young person's consent to share information with other organisations, unless there is a child protection issue, this consent should be recorded on the young person's Insight record, on the Details page.

The information below is in separate tables, relevant to whether you are talking to a young woman or young man, and what stage they are at.

1) Young woman who may be pregnant / is pregnant and has not made a decision

Issue	Action	Referral pathway
Young person presents thinking they might be pregnant	Discussion with the young person about why they think this. PAs should follow child protection procedures if they identify or suspect abuse.	Referral to City wise for pregnancy test. Tel: 0113 295 4820 Pregnancy testing is also offered at other locations across Leeds. Information can be found at: http://www.leedssexualhealth.com/pregnancy-testing Leeds Safeguarding Children Board's Child Protection Procedures should be followed, they contain a section on 'Allegations of harm arising from under age sexual activity' http://www.procedures.leedsiscb.org.uk/chapters/p_all_har_und_age_sex.html
Young person presents as pregnant	Ask young person if they have decided what they would like to do about the pregnancy. Discussion of possible options.	

<p>Young person is undecided, or does not want to carry on with pregnancy</p>	<p>Discuss possible places for the young person to get support. Citywise can support with decision. Include can support 16-18 yr olds</p>	<p>Citywise – 1st Floor, No 1 Eastgate 0113 2954820</p> <p>Include – one on one support for pregnant teenagers and young mothers offering support, information, signposting and advice. Freephone number for young women 0808 808 4444</p>
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2) Young woman who is pregnant and has decided to continue the pregnancy

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<p>Young person accessing health care services.</p>	<p>Ask young person if they are registered with a doctor and if they have accessed health care. <u>Record response on insight</u></p>	<p>If they are not registered or have moved house and not got a doctor in their area then young person can look for nearest GP at:- http://www.nhs.uk/service directories/Pages/ServiceSearch.aspx</p>
	<p>Ask young person if they are accessing ante natal care from a midwife. <u>Record contact details for midwife on Insight</u></p>	<p>If pregnant young woman is 16 or under then they should have been referred to a teenage pregnancy midwife. Teenage midwives see all young mums 16 and under: Natalie Walker 07796614116 Emma Dooks 07786250507</p> <p>If a young woman is 17 or over then they should have been referred to a community midwife. If this hasn't happened then they can see their GP to make a referral.</p> <p>NB: If you have concerns about the health and well-being of the young person or the baby you may discuss these with the midwife. Ensure you follow your organisations procedures if there are child protection concerns for either the young person or</p>

		<p>the baby.</p> <p>Ante – natal group at Citywise – contact Citywise for details, 0113 2954820</p> <p>Alternatively talk to Midwife about local ante-natal groups.</p>
	<p>Ask young person if they are accessing any group ante-natal support. If not check if they would like to be referred to group support.</p>	
<p>Young person accessing support to continue in education, if they are school age.</p>	<p>Ask the young woman whether she is in contact with a support worker to help her continue her schooling. If not refer her to a learning mentor. <u>Record contact details of worker on Insight</u></p>	<p>Statutory school age, young mum can work with an Education Leeds specialist mentor to support her and her family while she is at school Contact Carol Gillan – 0113 395 1214 or 07891 275276</p>
	<p>Establish if the young person has had any support from a Connexions PA.</p>	<p>Young mums in Year 11 to see school PA or be referred to appropriate Connexions PA PA working with young parents in/interested in FE. Aged 16-19 Sara.Mackins@igengroup.co.uk Josie.Hoy@igengroup.co.uk</p> <p>PA’s working with young parents interested in apprenticeships or work then contact: Wendy Farrar or Catherine Field on 0113 226 2180</p>
<p>Young person accessing support to continue in education if they are over 16.</p>	<p>Ask the young woman whether she is in contact with a Connexions PA / support worker to help her continue her education. <u>Record contact details of worker</u></p>	<p>In school 6th form, young mum can work with an Education Leeds specialist mentor to support her and her family while she is at school Contact Carol Gillan – 0113 395 1214 or 07891 275276</p> <p>Young mums in FE College can access support from specialist Connexions PA: Sara.Mackins@igengroup.co.uk Josie.Hoy@igengroup.co.uk</p>

	<u>on Insight</u>	
Young person requires help to sort out their financial situation.	Explore with the young person whether they are aware of the financial support is available, when it is available and how to claim.	Details of financial support and benefit entitlement for pregnant young women is held by Prospects. As soon as this information is available on the web the link will be sent to all Connexions PAs in Leeds.
Is the father involved?	Explore with the young person if the father of their baby, or another partner, is involved, the age of the partner, and would he/she appreciate any help. This questioning is to be done when the PA feels it is appropriate to ask.	<p>If fathers name given then this will need to be confirmed with the father. If the young person is present you can get his permission to record the fact he is a father on his Insight record. If the young man is not present that information can not be recorded on his record.</p> <p>The name of the father / partner should be recorded on the young woman's record, making it clear this is information she has given.</p> <p>If the partner would like to access support from a Connexions PA then provide the young woman with contact details for the partner to make contact. If the partner is present book an appointment for him to talk to a Connexions PA.</p>
Other Support needed	<p>Check with the young person if they are receiving support around their pregnancy from any other organisation / worker.</p> <p><u>If they are record contact details on Insight</u></p> <p>If not, would the young person benefit from another agency that can offer</p>	<p>Intensive Connexions PA's are employed by:</p> <p>Archway BARCA Cupboard St Luke's Cares Youthpoint</p> <p>Include – one on one support for pregnant teenagers and young mothers offering support, information, signposting and advice. Freephone number for young women 0808 808 4444</p>

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Domestic Violence	If a PA sees possible signs of violence, or a young person discloses that they are suffering domestic violence, the PA must follow their organisations child protection procedures.	<p>Safer Leeds website contains information on domestic violence support organisations:</p> <p>http://www.leedsinitiative.org/safer/page.aspx?id=2492</p>
Concern about the welfare of the mother or the baby	If a PA has concerns about the welfare of the young person or the baby they must follow their organisation's child protection procedures. PAs can talk to other workers involved with the young person, such as their midwife, if necessary.	<p>Leeds Safeguarding Children Board's Child Protection Procedures should be followed.</p> <p>http://www.procedures.leedsiscb.org.uk</p>

3) Young mother

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Young person accessing health care services.	Ask young person if they are registered with a doctor and if they have accessed health care. <u>Record response on insight</u>	<p>If they are not registered or have moved house and not got a doctor in their area then young person can look for nearest GP at:-</p> <p>http://www.nhs.uk/service directories/Pages/ServiceSearch.aspx</p>
	Ask the young person if their child has a health visitor. <u>Record</u>	

	<u>contact details for the visitor on Insight</u>	
Parenting support for families	<p>Ask young person if they feel they have the support they need as a parent. Discuss possible support they can access and refer if appropriate.</p> <p><u>Record details of support worker on Insight</u></p>	<p>Children’s centres, for a full list visit www.thefamilyhubleeds.org</p> <p>Children’s centres offer childcare, counselling, CAB drop in sessions, family outreach workers, Some centres have a link loan parent advisor visit weekly – they offer back to work interviews.</p> <p><u>Sure Start 7 day response.</u> Currently being run by Barnardos, based at Little London Childrens Centre. Contact 2458480 for info and referral form. Fill in a referral form with young person about support they would want – (1)early learning integrated with day care (2) outreach (3) family support (4) child and family health (5) parental involvement (6) links with jobcentre plus (7) training, advice and information.</p> <p><u>Home Start – 2442419</u> office@home-startleeds.co.uk Offers agreed support through a trained volunteer to help a family with children under 5 in the family home.</p>
Connexions Support needed	<p>Check with the young person if they are receiving Connexions support from any other organisation / worker.</p> <p><u>If they are record contact details on Insight</u></p> <p>If not, would the young person benefit from another agency that can offer support</p>	<p>Intensive Connexions PA’s are employed by: Archway BARCA Cupboard St Luke’s Cares Youthpoint</p> <p>Include – one on one support for pregnant teenagers and young mothers offering support, information, signposting and advice. Freephone number for young women 0808 808 4444</p>

<p>Young person accessing support to continue in education, if they are school age.</p>	<p>Ask the young woman whether she is in contact with a support worker to help her continue her schooling. If not refer her to a learning mentor. <u>Record contact details of worker on Insight</u></p>	<p>Statutory school age, young mum can work with an Education Leeds specialist mentor to support her and her family while she is at school Contact Carol Gillan – 0113 395 1214 or 07891 275276</p>
	<p>Establish if the young person has had any support from a Connexions PA.</p>	<p>Young mums in Year 11 to see school PA or be referred to appropriate Connexions PA PA working with young parents in/interested in FE. Aged 16-19 Sara.Mackins@igengroup.co.uk Josie.Hoy@igengroup.co.uk</p> <p>PA's working with young parents interested in apprenticeships or work. Wendy.Farrar@prospects.co.uk Catherine.Field@prospects.co.uk</p>
<p>Young person accessing support to continue in education if they are over 16.</p>	<p>Ask the young woman whether she is in contact with a Connexions PA / support worker to help her continue her education. <u>Record contact details of worker on Insight</u></p>	<p>In school 6th form, young mum can work with an Education Leeds specialist mentor to support her and her family while she is at school Contact Carol Gillan – 0113 395 1214 or 07891 275276</p> <p>Young mums in FE College can access support from specialist Connexions PA: Sara.Mackins@igengroup.co.uk Josie.Hoy@igengroup.co.uk</p>
<p>Young person requires help to sort out their financial situation.</p>	<p>Explore with the young person whether they are aware of the financial support is available, when it is available and how to claim.</p>	<p>Details of financial support and benefit entitlement for pregnant young women is held by Prospects. As soon as this information is available on the web the link will be sent to all Connexions PAs in Leeds.</p>

<p>Is the father involved?</p>	<p>Explore with the young person if the father of their baby, or another partner, is involved, the age of the partner, and would he/she appreciate any help. This questioning is to be done when the PA feels it is appropriate to ask.</p>	<p>If fathers name given then this will need to be confirmed with the father. If the young person is present you can get his permission to record the fact he is a father on his Insight record. If the young man is not present that information can not be recorded on his record.</p> <p>The name of the father / partner should be recorded on the young woman's record, making it clear this is information she has given.</p> <p>If the partner would like to access support from a Connexions PA then provide the young woman with contact details for the partner to make contact. If the partner is present book an appointment for him to talk to a Connexions PA.</p>
<p>Finding Childcare</p>	<p>If a young person wants to access childcare, either to return to EET or because their child is over 3 and can access childcare funding, discuss possible childcare options.</p>	<p>Lists of childcare providers, including Children's Centres, nurseries and registered childminders are available at: www.thefamilyhubleeds.org</p> <p>Childcare advisors can help to find a childcare place if a young person wants to return to work or education: Jennifer Saxton 07891 277400 Shelly Normington 07891 274205 Louise Rew 07891 277483 Val Allen 07891 277411 Linda Close 07891 277484</p> <p>Funding for childcare for young parents accessing education or training is available through Care to Learn: http://www.direct.gov.uk/en/EducationAndLearning/14To19/MoneyToLearn/Caretolearn/index.htm</p>
<p>Domestic Violence</p>	<p>If a PA sees possible signs of violence, or a young person discloses that they are suffering domestic violence, the PA</p>	<p>Safer Leeds website contains information on domestic violence support organisations: http://www.leedsinitiative.org/safer/page.aspx?id=2492</p>

	must follow their organisations child protection procedures.	
Concern about the welfare of the mother or the baby	If a PA has concerns about the welfare of the young person or the baby they must follow their organisation's child protection procedures. PAs can talk to other workers involved with the young person, such as their health visitor, if necessary.	Leeds Safeguarding Children Board's Child Protection Procedures should be followed http://www.procedures.leedslscb.org.uk

4) Young father / father-to-be

Issue	Action	Referral pathway
Interviewing a young person who says he is a father?	<u>Record this on Insight in individual circumstances.</u> Acknowledge he is a father and explore the implications of this on the young persons decision making and future plans.	
Young person requires support as a father / father-to-be	Ask the young person if he is receiving any support around dealing with being a father / becoming a father. <u>If so record contact</u>	Other support agencies:- Fatherhood Institute: http://www.fatherhoodinstitute.org/ Trust study of Adolescents(TSA) run a website for professionals working with young fathers: http://www.youngfathers.net/

	<p><u>details of worker on Insight.</u> If not, discuss support needs and possible ways the young person can access support.</p>	<p>Young Fathers Institute: http://www.young-fathers.org.uk/</p>
<p>Young person accessing support to continue in education, if they are school age.</p>	<p>Ask young person if they are receiving support around remaining in education and dealing with fatherhood. If not discuss support available from Education Leeds worker.</p>	<p>Statutory school age, young father can work with an Education Leeds specialist mentor to support him and his family while he is at school Contact Carol Gillan – 0113 395 1214 or 07891 275276</p>
<p>Is the mother involved?</p>	<p>Explore with the young person if the mother of their baby, or another partner, is involved, the age of the partner, and would she appreciate any help. This questioning is to be done when the PA feels it is appropriate to ask.</p>	<p>If mother's name given then this will need to be confirmed with the mother. If the young person is present you can get her permission to record the fact she is a mother on her Insight record. If the young woman is not present that information can not be recorded on her record.</p> <p>The name of the mother / partner should be recorded on the young man's record, making it clear this is information he has given.</p> <p>If the partner would like to access support from a Connexions PA then provide the young man with contact details for the partner to make contact. If the partner is present book an appointment for her to talk to a Connexions PA.</p>
<p>Parenting support for families</p>	<p>Ask young person if they feel they have the support they need as a family. Discuss possible support they can access and refer if appropriate.</p>	<p>Children's centres, for a full list visit www.thefamilyhubleeds.org</p> <p>Children's centres offer childcare, counselling, CAB drop in sessions, family outreach workers, Some centres have a link loan parent advisor visit weekly – they offer back to work interviews.</p>

	<u>Record details of support worker on Insight</u>	<p><u>Sure Start 7 day response.</u> Currently being run by Barnardos, based at Little London Childrens Centre. Contact 2458480 for info and referral form. Fill in a referral form with young person about support they would want – (1)early learning integrated with day care (2) outreach (3) family support (4) child and family health (5) parental involvement (6) links with jobcentre plus (7) training, advice and information.</p> <p><u>Home Start – 2442419</u> office@home-startleeds.co.uk Offers agreed support through a trained volunteer to help a family with children under 5 in the family home.</p>
Finding Childcare	If a young person wants to access childcare, either to return to EET or because their child is over 3 and can access childcare funding, discuss possible childcare options.	<p>Lists of childcare providers, including Children’s Centres, nurseries and registered childminders are available at: www.thefamilyhubleeds.org</p> <p>Childcare advisors can help to find a childcare place if a young person wants to return to work or education: Jennifer Saxton 07891 277400 Shelly Normington 07891 274205 Louise Rew 07891 277483 Val Allen 07891 277411 Linda Close 07891 277484</p> <p>Funding for childcare for young parents accessing education or training is available through Care to Learn: http://www.direct.gov.uk/en/EducationAndLearning/14To19/MoneyToLearn/Caretolearn/index.htm</p>
Young person requires help to sort out their financial situation.	Explore with the young person whether they are aware of the financial support is available, when it is available and how to claim.	Details of financial support and benefit entitlement for pregnant young women is held by Prospects. As soon as this information is available on the web the link will be sent to all Connexions PAs in Leeds.
Concern about	If a PA has	Leeds Safeguarding Children Board's Child

<p>the welfare of the mother or the baby</p>	<p>concerns about the welfare of the young person or the baby they must follow their organisation's child protection procedures. PAs can talk to other workers involved with the family, such as their midwife or health visitor, if necessary.</p>	<p>Protection Procedures should be followed. http://www.procedures.leedslscb.org.uk</p>
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