**Care of a Patient with a Learning Disability**

**Maternity Care Pathway**

Learning Disability disclosed or suspected

Refer with **Consent** consider referral to:-specialist Midwife also LD Liaison Nurse EXT 8271

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Current community LD Nurse if appropriate

**Pregnancy Disclose**

Booking Appointment

Learning Disability unknown

Referred to specialist midwife

/ Primary Care Health Facilitation Service

Liaise with Learning Disability Liaison Nurse/ specialist Midwife / Primary Health Facilitation Service/community LD Nurse and arrange to accompany for booking appointment, if not already occurred

Learning disability suspected. Refer to LD Liaison Nurse

Consider referring for a Learning Disability psychological assessment

Learning Disability Diagnosis confirmed/suspected

**Consider**

1. Domestic Abuse
2. Assessment of needs (using assessment framework)
3. Consider Social Care thresholds & referring to relevant agency
4. Complete information sharing form
5. MH services support (if needed)
6. Nurse and Health Visitor
7. Complete cause for concern document
8. Consider EHA
9. To be case loaded

Screening tool did not indicate presence of Learning Disability

Routine individualised Ante Natal Care

Individualised care through pregnancy

to involve:-

Complete SOVA

* Pre-Birth Assessment
* Parents/carer
* Primary Health Facilitation Service
* Community Midwife
* Community Nurse/Social worker if appropriate
* LD liaison Nurse
* Hospital Midwives
* Children Centres
* Early Help
* Individualised parenting preparation
* Patient All About Me (if not already in place)
* MCA to be completed

**If No** **If Yes**

Team around the Family-

Multi -disciplinary team feeds into pre-birth plan

Early Help Single Ass

L2/3 L4

**Follow Pre Birth Plan (PBP)**

Standard Post Natal care Plus PBP

* Continue Parenting Skills Teaching
* Pre Discharge planning meeting when appropriate
* Detailed communication – all professionals aware of discharge plan
* Consider DisDAT or Abbey pain tool
* **Discharge summary sheet for LD patients which is given to the patient on discharge**

**Discharged to Home**

May require extended midwifery visiting

(Up to 28 days)

* Routine post- natal care continues
* Assessment and support with parenting continues as per plan
* Liaise with other professionals – Detailed handover to Health Visitor/Community nurse
* Contraception – Discussed and arranged in place
* Early contact by Health Visitor
* Escalate any Safeguarding/Care Concerns

**Pre Birth Planning**

**Meeting Involving**

* Social Worker
* Midwife
* LD Nurse/Community/Acute Liaison Nurse
* Family
* Ensure patient All About Me completed
* Birth Plan – Parents
* Birth Plan – Social Care

**Copy of plan to:**

* Parents
* All Professionals
* Notes

Include discharge planning meeting on birth plan including specialist Midwife/ Carer arrangements if necessary