

Midwifery

Opportunities for gathering information on adults in a household

Aim: to be aware of significant adults living with, or having a significant impact on the lives of children.

At booking

Record Partner/father's date of birth and address
Document all adults living at the same address

This may include grandparents, adult siblings, lodgers etc.



Re-visit information pre-birth

Review the information and ensure all adults living in the property are listed.
Pay particular attention when there is a new partner and/or a change of address

If there are changes ensure this is documented in the handheld records and/or hospital notes. Inform other agencies if appropriate.



Postnatal home visit

Review the information and ensure all adults living in the property are listed
Be alert to indicators that other adults, not previously identified, are living in the property

Ensure the postnatal module/record is updated and information is shared with other agencies if involved.



Handover to Health Visitor should include any concern about hidden adults in the household

Document the handover of care