

Key contacts

If you are concerned about an expectant mother and her unborn child's wellbeing and you think that the PRAM could help, please contact the PRAM group member in your agency for more information and advice.

PRAM group members

Social Work and Health - Children's Services

PRAM Chairperson

Castle Street, Forfar
Phone: 01307 473750

Team Manager

Child Protection Team, Arbroath
Phone: 01241 435450

Team Manager

Support to Families Team, Arbroath
Phone: 01241 870163

Team Manager

Intake Team (Landward), Forfar
Phone: 01307 473751

Social Work and Health - Criminal Justice Service

Team Manager

Landward Team, Arbroath
Phone: 01241 871161

Social Work and Health - Learning Disabilities Team

Team Manager

Lunan Park, Friockheim
Phone: 01241 826900

Social Work and Health - CMHT

Team Manager

Whitehills Hospital, Forfar
Phone: 01307 475239

Alcohol, Drug and BBV Team

Parental Alcohol Social Worker

Springfield Medical Centre, Arbroath
Phone: 01241435821

NHS Tayside

Senior Charge Nurse

Tayside Substance Misuse Services (TSMS)
Phone: 01241 435831

Tayside Police

Public Protection Unit

Arbroath
Phone: 01241 435741

Angus Community Health Partnership

Advanced Nurse Practitioner

(Children and Family Service)
Phone: 01241 435472

Specialist Midwife for Vulnerable Families

Phone: 01241 822537

Locality Team Leader

Phone: 01241 430303

Voluntary Sector

CAIR Scotland

Phone: 01307 460101

Neighbourhood Services

Housing Officer

Phone: 01307 474155



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Information for professionals

Pre-birth Resource Allocation Meeting (PRAM)



About Pre-birth Resource Allocation Meeting (PRAM)

The Pre-birth Resource Allocation Meeting (PRAM) is a forum involving several agencies which meets every month to identify unborn children who may be vulnerable and to put in place action and support for families before and after the child's birth.

Role of the PRAM

The agencies who attend the PRAM:

- share information about the family's circumstances to identify the level of risks to the unborn child, and vulnerabilities and strengths within the family;
- decide on the level and type of assessment and action which may be needed;
- identify which service is best placed to deal with the referral (in other words, whether the assessment should be carried out by Social Work and Health as a pre-birth risk assessment or whether the unborn baby's circumstances mean all services should be involved in providing support and welfare services for the child);
- pass assessments to an identified lead agency or agencies for joint working;
- approve the outcome and recommendations of completed assessments brought back to the PRAM; and
- allocate resources at an appropriate level defined by assessed needs and risks (where this is needed).

PRAM referral process

Any agency may refer an expectant mother to the PRAM. You must do this using your own agency representative and they need to fill in a PRAM referral summary. See under 'Key contacts' for details of your agency representative.

The conditions you need to meet when referring to the PRAM are as follows:

- The factors in the expectant mother's or partner's and family's background, lifestyle or circumstances indicate a significant degree of vulnerability to the unborn child as well as pose risks to the baby when it is born.
- You have identified issues which indicate that the baby's safety or wellbeing (or both) may be at risk after the birth.
- The expectant mother and unborn baby's situation would benefit from the involvement of several agencies.

You should make the referral as early as possible to give us enough time for a full and informed assessment and to provide appropriate support for the family before the baby is born.

You will need to get informed consent from the parents before making a PRAM referral. However, if the expectant mother or birth father will not give permission to gather and share information, you should explain clearly that in circumstances where there are possible child-protection concerns, we will go ahead and make any enquiries needed and refer the case to the PRAM without this permission.

Pre-birth referral and assessment pathway

