



Child Death Overview Panel

Leicester, Leicestershire & Rutland

Key Learning Point: Access to maternity care

Situation:	Baby A's parents had learning needs and had recently moved into the area. They had been informed by the local GP Practice that they needed to register with the practice before being able to book an appointment with the midwife. Some weeks later, no antenatal care had been accessed. The baby was born at home, extremely prematurely, and sadly did not survive.
Takeaway:	Women can self-refer for maternity care (or be supported to do this by professionals working with them). They do not need to be registered with a GP Practice to access midwifery care.
Action:	For all primary care providers & all agencies working with women who need to access antenatal care to be aware of the online self-referral booking system: https://healthforunder5s.co.uk/leicestershire/services/your-maternity-service/registering-with-a-midwife-pregnancy-booking-form/
Rationale:	Access to antenatal care improves outcomes for all women and babies, and ensures tailored support for those with additional vulnerabilities, to reduce the risk of harm.

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