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Background

Babies under the age of 12 months are highly vulnerable and there have been several incidents in Salford relating to Non Accidental Injuries to a baby in the last two years. Reviews have shown that fathers or father figures can present a risk to young babies through non-accidental injury and this is reflected nationally.

Domestic Abuse and Parental Mental Health can be a feature in such reviews.

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Safeguarding Concern and Incident

This review relates to a concern about Non Accidental Injury to a baby under the age of 12 months.

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Findings

A Domestic Abuse Stalking and Honour based violence (DASH) risk assessment had been completed at the time of a domestic abuse incident, and a notification of this sent via Operation Encompass to universal health services and early years / education settings. However, clarity around communication and referral pathways between police and Local Authority was needed.

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Findings Cont..

There was a query about whether the Maternity Information Referral Form, which contained information about parents, was shared with wider health services.

Sharing information at this time could have prompted wider exploration of family dynamics by universal services during routine visits.

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Recommendations

SSCP to check on how the [ICON](#) campaign – advice on how to cope when a baby cries – has been implemented across partner agencies.

SSCP to check on how the [Parental Mental Health toolkit](#) which was developed in response to learning from previous reviews is being used within partner agencies.

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Recommendations

SSCP to check on how learning from previous reviews about the involvement of fathers and father figures has been embedded across the partnership and check on progress of the development of further training about working with men.

Strengthen information sharing processes between maternity services and universal health services.

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Implementing Change

Find out more about [ICON](#) resources and tell your colleagues about the campaign.

Read the national report about injuries to babies: [Safeguarding children under 1 from non-accidental injury caused by male carers](#)

Access the [Parental Mental Health toolkit](#)

Find out more about working with fathers / father figures. Watch the SSCP [Working with fathers and father figures video](#).



Additional Information

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