

DIAGNOSIS Pathway

Parental/GP concern
Pregnancy scan
Crisis event
Illness/injury

Child Health Screening
Newborn examination

IDENTIFICATION OF CONCERN

Parental/family concerns discussed in a sensitive open manner. Interpretation services – use as required

Acknowledge and respect ethnic, religious, cultural & spiritual beliefs

CLINICAL ASSESSMENT OF THE CHILD

Informed consent for further investigations and referral to other specialist services if appropriate

All communications around procedures & information about timescales of results to be sensitive, open, honest & accurate

DIAGNOSIS OR RECOGNITION OF LIFE LIMITING/LIFE THREATENING CONDITION PROGNOSIS

BREAKING NEWS

Place
People
Information
Emotional Support
Interpreter

SUPPORT

Allow time and a suitable environment for the family to talk in a sensitive, honest and open manner in a language the child and family understand

Privacy and Dignity

Partnership working between professionals and family

Parents acknowledged as experts in the care of their care

Give relevant information to parents/carers both verbal & in writing

PLANNING FOR GOING HOME

Use rapid discharge plan if appropriate

Acute Services
Community Services
Therapy Services
G.P
Health Visitor
Social Services
CAMHS
Care Co-ordination
Education
Specialists
Involve as necessary.

Follow up visit/appointment. Written summary of information.
Support Group details if appropriate

Lead professional identified within hospital team to take responsibility for discharge planning/appropriate referrals made to Community Services

Appropriate referrals made to GPs – Palliative Care Team – Hospice, and in agreement with child and family

Consider advanced care planning

Consider other services depending on need, ie AHPs & adaptations, equipment & supplies in place prior to discharge

Relevant persons identified and trained appropriately to support child/young person at home

Child/young person/family given clear information in a language they can easily understand re follow up appointments & timely home visiting

Child/young person/family given reliable 24-hour emergency contact details for professionals who will be able to offer expert advice & support.

FAMILY HOME

Yes

Has child/young person reached end stages of life?

No

PROGRESS TO LAST DAYS OF LIFE

PROGRESS TO MAINTENANCE GUIDANCE