

How will SWANS help me?

We will:

- Encourage you to access regular antenatal care as early in pregnancy as possible so you can receive appropriate treatment
- Develop an action plan with you to meet your and your unborn babies needs. This may include identifying any risk factors for domestic abuse and/or substance misuse
- Offer you support with benefits, housing, appointments and antenatal care
- Encourage communication between the professionals that you may be working with and ensure the advice you are given is consistent and the most appropriate support is offered to you

Useful numbers

Hayley Wimpenny (SWANS) 07968 745869

SMS midwife 07789 270379

Specialist domestic violence midwives 07899 944623

Eden Team midwives 07500 952929

Antenatal clinic 01484 342666

Calderdale Hospital triage ward 01422 224392

On TRAK 01484 437907

Lifeline 01484 353333

Kirklees Domestic Violence team 01924 431491

SWEET project 01924 431492

National domestic violence helpline 0808 2000247

West Yorkshire Police –
non emergency 101 - Emergency 999

Services for pregnant women with complex social needs

Information about the SWANS service

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What is SWANS?

SWANS is a service for pregnant women who have complex social needs.

Referral criteria

SWANS take referrals for:

- Women who experience domestic abuse
- Women who are affected by substance misuse
- Women affected by alcohol use
- Women involved in sex work

What we offer

SWANS provide a two part service:

- Multi Agency Risk Assessment
- Support group

Support group

The SWANS support group meets weekly and takes place in a local Childrens Centre. At this group you can access regular antenatal checks with a specialist midwife, antenatal education, benefits advice and housing advice. The group offers a variety of activities including creative arts, healthy eating, healthy lifestyle and antenatal support.

Transport can be arranged to and from the Childrens Centre departing from Huddersfield town centre. This can be arranged on request.

If you would like to attend the support group a SWANS support worker you contact you to arrange this.

Multi Agency Risk Assessment Service

A monthly Multi Agency Risk Assessment meeting takes place where key agencies work together to share, record and review information and highlight any risks that may impact on the safety, health and well-being of both mother and unborn baby. Support needs are identified at the meeting.

This process applies to all pregnant women that are referred to the SWANS service.

You will be informed about the referral however your consent is not required. A risk assessment process is followed which includes:

- Initial assessment
- Review assessment
- 32 week pre-birth planning meeting
- Handover review

You will always be invited to the 32 week pre-birth planning meeting. Your partner can be invited too if you wish.

Who attends the Multi-Agency Risk Assessment?

- Health Services
- Adult Services
- Children and Young People Service
- Drug and Alcohol Services
- West Yorkshire Police Safeguarding Officer
- SWANS Support Worker
- Specialist Domestic Violence Services