

Review and revise individualised maternity care plans

Overview

This standard covers working in partnership with women, key people they want to involve in their care, and other practitioners, to review and revise individualised care plans. The care plan may be related to antenatal, intrapartum and/or postnatal care of women using maternity services. A caring and compassionate approach should be adopted in line with current healthcare guidance. Users of this standard will need to ensure that practice reflects up to date information and policies.

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Performance criteria

You must be able to:

1. monitor and review implementation of the care plan at suitable intervals
2. review progress reports from the service providers involved in delivering the care plan
3. chase progress reports, if not received from any service provider, in accordance with organisational policy and guidelines
4. actively encourage the woman and key people involved in her care to take a full and active part in the review process consistent with the woman's wishes
5. monitor and review the effectiveness of the care plan using appropriate sources of information
6. acknowledge and respect the woman's privacy and confidentiality wishes when accessing sources of information
7. discuss and review the effectiveness of the care plan with the woman, key people and practitioners involved
8. evaluate the effectiveness of interventions and correctly identify when they are not effective in addressing the woman's needs and meeting prior agreed goals
9. ensure the woman's needs are re-assessed at suitable intervals
10. identify any significant changes which may affect the care plan and discuss the implications with the woman, key people and practitioners involved
11. recognise the limits of your own competence and scope of practice and seek immediate advice and support from a relevant professional when appropriate
12. agree and implement the necessary actions to address any significant changes in partnership with the woman, key people and other practitioners involved
13. produce referrals to other practitioners that contain all the necessary information and are presented clearly and logically
14. agree the process and timescales for the continued review of the care plan with the woman, key people and practitioners involved
15. produce records and reports that are clear, comprehensive, and accurate, and maintain the security and confidentiality of information

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Knowledge and understanding

You need to know and understand:

1. legal, organisational and policy requirements relevant to your role and the activities being carried out
2. the nature, extent and boundaries of your work role and its relationship to others in the organisation
3. the roles of other health and social care practitioners and how they relate between and across agencies
4. the legal requirements and good practice guidelines on consent, and consent for children, young people and vulnerable adults
5. the principle of information governance and the implications for your practice
6. how to recognise and respond to the signs of injury, abuse or neglect and your responsibility in relation to raising concerns with the appropriate person or agency
7. local systems, procedures and protocols for safeguarding children, young people and vulnerable adults
8. how to work in partnership with women to enable them to make informed choices in the context of their own lives
9. how to recognise when women are not able to exercise their rights to make informed choices and the actions to take in response to this
10. how to communicate effectively with individuals to meet the needs of a socio-economic, culturally diverse population
11. why it is important to clarify and confirm with the woman who and to what extent she wishes to involve others as key people in her care
12. the importance of focusing on the woman as an individual and the focus of care
13. how to respect the diversity and values of individuals
14. the best available evidence based practice and its role in improving services
15. the principles of clinical risk management and how to apply these to your work
16. the physiological, psychological and emotional changes that occur in women during pregnancy, childbirth and the postnatal period
17. the health conditions that may affect women during pregnancy, childbirth and the postnatal period in your area of practice
18. the interdependent relationship of the health and well-being of the mother and her baby/ies and how this impacts on implementation of the care plan
19. the strategies and interventions to promote or maintain optimal health and well-being of women and their babies in your area of work
20. the drugs and interventions which are used to manage health conditions in

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- your area of work and the effects of these on the overall health and well-being of the woman and her baby/ies
21. the importance of early identification and management of any problems arising during pregnancy, childbirth and the postnatal period
 22. pre-existing conditions that impact on the health and well-being of women during pregnancy, childbirth and the postnatal period, and any additional care required to address these
 23. the benefits of engaging key people in the care of the woman and their baby/ies
 24. the positive and negative impact of social relationships and environment on the health and well-being of women and their babies
 25. how the needs of women during pregnancy, childbirth and the postnatal period may affect others
 26. the factors that increase the risk of significant harm to women and babies in your area of work
 27. the actions to take in response to concerns about the health and well-being of women and babies
 28. the range of baseline observations and tests that are used to monitor and assess the health and well-being of women and their baby/ies in your area of work
 29. how to interpret results of baseline observations and tests
 30. how to identify deviations from normal states and what to do about them
 31. the importance of being aware of your own competence and scope of practice and when to seek advice and refer women for further investigations
 32. how and when to review the woman's agreed care plan
 33. the information which is necessary for the review to be carried out effectively
 34. how to identify and access different sources of information on the needs and progress of the woman and her baby/ies
 35. methods of reviewing the effectiveness of the care plan as a whole and the different parts within it, including the various interventions and outcomes
 36. ways of encouraging women and key people to take a full and active part in the review process and to offer their views as equal partners
 37. the different ways in which the care plan can be altered to meet the needs of the woman and/or her baby/ies and the ways in which their needs may have changed
 38. the range of services provided by the local GP, maternity services, other healthcare practitioners and social services, and how to access these
 39. local and national services, agencies and websites for people who want further information and support and how to access these

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- 40. what to do if a need is identified but cannot be met by a service provider
- 41. how to keep records in accordance with organisational policies and procedures

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External Links

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