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This training programme has been developed by the All Wales Midwives and Health Visitors Networking Group. Set up in January 2004, the aim of the group was to consider improvements in maternity services for women experiencing domestic abuse in pregnancy. As a result of this work a care pathway has been developed which supports the midwife and health visitor through the process of ante natal routine enquiry into domestic abuse.

The care pathway uses an evidence based approach to asking all women about domestic abuse in the antenatal period. It is women centred and clinically driven. It also provides a structured approach to referral and support systems for women who disclose.

This training package supports the pathway documentation and guides the trainer through each of the minimum standards which accompany the pathway. Through a system of documentation by exception, the pathway can be used as a tool for audit and gathering statistical information. National service frameworks underpin care pathways and so provide a structure that will assist the midwife and health visitor in carrying out routine enquiry. The pathway is a legal record of care provision and has been compiled from multi agency guidance and expertise.

This booklet and accompanying resources are adaptable for individual use within each Trust / LHB. Use it in part, whole or as a tool to accompany your training requirements.

Aim

By undertaking this training day, midwives and health visitors will become equipped with the skills, knowledge and understanding of domestic abuse and its relation to pregnancy and the post natal period, become confident to ask women about domestic abuse and be competent at dealing with disclosures.
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