**6-12 weeks-** Booking Appointment with Community Midwife Service. Referrals/ Internal contacts can be created and processed during this time. Early Help Assessments and/or support can commence.

**Pre-Birth Timeline** outlines key dates within statutory guidance to base decisions and management oversight (MO). Awareness of an Unborn can take place at varying times, so MOs must clearly set out the timeline of work to be undertaken and rationale.

**20 weeks-** Legal Gateway Meeting (LGM) can be held prior but recommended to happen by this point when required

**24 weeks**- Public Law Outline (PLO) letters to be issued

**28 weeks**- ICPC to take place by. In situations, where legal framework is needed this could happen earlier.

**30-32 Weeks**- Pre-Birth Meeting to take place. Peri-Natal team to be present if MH issues are a concern. Birth Plan to be agreed.

**36 Weeks**- all assessments to be completed

If care plan is to remove at birth, proceedings must be issued within 24 hours of birth.

If care plan is to issue proceedings at birth, paperwork should be with legal 7 days before the EDD.

6 weeks 12 weeks 18 weeks 22 weeks 28 weeks 32 weeks 36 weeks 40 weeks Baby born

19 weeks

3 weeks

**\*\*\*If the risks require an unborn child to go straight onto a Child Protection (CP) Plan, it takes 3 weeks to complete via a Strategy Meeting, Section 47(S47), and ICPC report. The conference report will be the initial Pre-Birth C&F Assessment, a full Pre-Birth Assessment should then be completed within the Parenting Intervention Programme within workbook.**

**\*\*\*If an LGM or PLO process is required, the CP Process must already be underway.**

**Other key timescales:**

* Timing to link unborn child to siblings CP Plan is held with in SSCP Pre-Birth Policy.
* Core Group- 10 days following Pre-Birth Conference
* CP Review- 1-month post delivery
* At birth the senior midwife is to alert Lead Social Worker with name and correct date of birth.

**\*\*\*It can take 19 weeks to get a child to conference, if all the following processes are used:**

**Initial Pre-Birth Child and Family Assessment- 20 days (4 weeks), Full Pre-Birth Assessment within Parenting Intervention Programme (approx. 10-12 weeks), Strategy Meeting, S47, ICPC- 15 days (3 weeks)**

**\*\*\*This would have to begin at 11 weeks to get to ICPC on time (28 weeks).**