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Dear Colleagues

Vulnerable Unborn Forum

I just wanted to inform you that CAPE child protection team will be starting a new Vulnerable Unborn Forum. The purpose of this Forum is to promote multi-agency collaboration and information sharing, in order to develop individualised and co-ordinated care plans for Vulnerable Families, thereby promoting child protection and safety for Vulnerable Unborns.

Criteria for referral to Vulnerable Unborn Forum:

- Concern for care/and /or safety of unborn child
- Substance misuse concerns
- Family violence concern
- Oranga Tamariki history
- Teenage parents
- Mental Health concerns
- Concern about parenting ability or life choices
- Transient lifestyle
- Poor engagement with maternity services
- Recent migrants, asylum seekers or refugees
- Any disability potentially affecting ability to access or provide care
- Cognitive disability

Referrals to Vulnerable Unborn Forum can be made by anyone involved in the care of pregnant women and their families, should they identify anyone who fits the criteria for referral. I have attached a copy of the form. However, this form can also be located embedded within the Violence Intervention webpage on the Waikato DHB Intranet. Alternatively, email me to send you the template.

All referral forms to be emailed to - childprotection@waikatodhb.health.nz.

Kind regards,

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