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## **Revisions to Gloucestershire Unborn Baby Protocol**

Research indicates that young babies are particularly vulnerable to abuse but that work carried out in the antenatal period can help minimise harm if there is an early assessment, intervention and support. Working Together (2015) specifically identifies the need of the Unborn Child. National and Local Serious Case Reviews inform us that for pre birth and early infants, Health are frequently the only, or the dominant agency involved. The purpose of this protocol is to ensure that a clear system is in place to respond to concerns for the welfare of an unborn child and to maintain clear and regular communication.

The revised protocol has been uploaded to the GSCB website and can be accessed by the link below.

<http://www.gscb.org.uk/CHttpHandler.ashx?id=56000&p=0>

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