





health and wellbeing

An early intervention and prevention guide that provides information on organisations and resources across Greater Glasgow & Clyde that offer support to new or expectant parents and their families with mental health and emotional wellbeing issues

All services and supports are free



SPECIALIST SERVICES

NHSGGC Community Perinatal Team

Provide a specialist service to women living and attending any maternity hospitals in NHSGGC. Cares for women with moderate to severe mental illness seeking pre-pregnancy advice or are pregnant and who are referred within 6 months of the postnatal period, and may remain involved up to 12 months postnatal... Accept referrals from a wide range of professionals.

Provide an advice line for professionals to discuss referrals, available weekdays (except Wed) from 9.30am to 12.30pm on **0141 211 6500**. www.nhsggc.org.uk/perinatalmentalhealthservice

Family Nurse Partnership (FNP)

A home visiting programme for first time parents aged 19 or under that aims to enable them to have improved pregnancy outcomes and improved child health and development. FNP also helps young parents and their families' achieve their goals and aspirations. Young women are notified to us by the midwife and during pregnancy and a specially trained Family Nurse develops a trusting relationship from early pregnancy until the baby is 2 years old. Anyone can notify us including the young woman herself. The FNP also delivers the Healthy Children's programme. For more information contact GGCFamilyNursePartnership@ggc.scot.nhs.uk

WHAT IS MATERNAL AND PATERNAL MENTAL HEALTH?

Maternal and paternal mental health refers to parent's mental health during pregnancy and the first year after birth.

This includes mental illness existing before pregnancy, as well as illnesses that develop for the first time, or are greatly exacerbated in the perinatal period.

These illnesses can be mild, moderate or severe, requiring different kinds of care or treatment.

This guide aims to encourage early intervention and prevention and avert crisis from happening.

TOP TIPS FOR LOOKING AFTER YOUR MENTAL HEALTH

Be open and honest: about how you are feeling with your partner, family, friends and health professionals. It's ok not to be ok.

Talking: to a supportive trusted adult is good for our mental health. If you feel things are building up talk to your GP, health visitor or midwife.

Connect: you may have less social time and not see many people. Find out what is available in your community to provide social contact with other parents.

Looking after yourself: take care of yourself, and have some 'me' time to do the things that you enjoy. If you feel good, you'll feel more able to manage and care for your baby.

Accept any help offered: it's hard being a parent 24/7 and you're allowed time off. You will feel more able to manage and care for your baby.



RESOURCES

Mood Disorders during pregnancy and after the birth of your baby: a booklet for women and their families Download from: www.sign.ac.uk/assets/pat127.pdf

Maws: our journey with perinatal mental health Find video at: www.mindreel.org.uk

Ready Steady Baby: a guide to pregnancy, labour and birth and early parenthood up to 8 weeks Download from: www.nhsinform.scot/ready-steady-baby

Healthy Minds: a guide to protecting and promoting good adult mental health: Order from www.phrd.scot.nhs.uk

Women and Families Maternal Mental Health Pledge Download from: www.nhsinform.scot

TRAINING AND AWARENESS RAISING

Understanding Maternal Mental Health & Maternal Mental Health: the woman's journey (e-modules) Access via www.knowledge.scot.nhs.uk

Healthy Minds: An introduction to Maternal Mental Health Awareness Session: www.nhsggc.org.uk/about-us/professional-support-sites/ child-youth-mental-health

STILL CONCERNED?

If you are concerned about an individual's mental health and wellbeing and feel they may be in distress, the GP should be their first point of contact, if you feel the individual is in immediate danger please call 999.

For further information on this guide contact Michelle.Guthrie@ggc.scot.nhs.uk

