Flowchart for Management of Concealed Pregnancy:

Pregnancy suspected or confirmed

Woman attending for antenatal care

Woman denying pregnancy or not engaging with health services

Booked with her midwife prior to 20 weeks gestation

Booked after 20 weeks gestation

Concealment suspected during pregnancy – encourage engaging with services, informing GP & maternity services, **Refer to social care**

Concealment discovered in labour or after delivery – discuss reasons for concealment, refer to Children's Social Care and CPE referral should be encouraged. Consider how a refusal may increase risk

No further action required

Discuss reason for concealment – Was she aware she was pregnant? Actively avoided services?

Consider multi-agency meeting to assess risk and agree plan

No safeguarding issue identified. Consider referral to CPE for assessment and support

Safeguarding issue identified: Refer to Children's Social Care, consider multi-agency meeting. Consider referral to CPE. Assess need for additional health appointments

Multi-agency meeting held prior to discharge to assess risk and agree plan

Ensure all professionals working with family aware and provide support as required. Late booking to be recorded on GP system

Ensure all professionals working with family aware of concealed pregnancy and flag for next time. Health services to provide enhanced visiting in postnatal period +/- other agencies. Close observation of attachment requires Social care to lead on forming plan should subsequent pregnancy be concealed.