Appendix 1 Flowchart

Pregnancy suspected

Risk increased if previous concealed pregnancy/late booking

Pregnancy confirmed

Pregnancy excluded → **No Further Action**

Declines tests/examination

Attending for Antenatal Care

Woman denying or continuing pregnancy without accessing antenatal care

Concealment discovered/ birth suspected or disclosed – no baby present

Immediate steps should be taken to confirm whereabouts and well-being of baby /fetus.

Contact police/ambulance via 999 response

Remember crime scene - Refer to SUDC protocol.

Booked with Midwife **prior** to 24 weeks gestation

Booked with Midwife after 24 weeks gestation

All professionals should remain professionally curious around the reasons for late booking

No safeguarding issues identified.

Consider provision of support through early help assessment and plan

Discuss reason for concealment/late booking – Were they aware they were pregnant? Actively avoided services?

Concealment of pregnancy still suspected – encourage engagement with services Discuss with agency Safeguarding lead/team

Inform GP, Midwife and (HV - if involved).

Refer to Children Social Care

Concealment discovered in labour or following birth – **baby present**. Medical attention for mother and baby is required.

Refer to Children Social Care. Discuss with agency Safeguarding lead/team.

Safeguarding issues identified: Refer to Children Social Care, Consider multi agency meeting /assessment. Assess need for additional health appointments.

A multi-agency meeting should be held to assess risk and agree plan. Consider reasons for concealment/denial of pregnancy. Consider mental health referral.

Refer to Adult Social Care if the mother has care and support needs.

Ensure all professionals working with family are aware and provide support as required. Late booking to be recorded on patient record

Ensure relevant professionals working with family are aware of concealed pregnancy and **flag relevant records**. *Health services to provide enhanced visiting in post-natal period.*

*Health services to consider support required to avoid future concealment