

# Pathway for Perinatal Mental Health

Perinatal mental health (PMH) addresses the mental health challenges faced by parents and caregivers during pregnancy and up to one year postpartum. These services are also available for young parents, who will be referred automatically via the Enhanced Health Visiting Service.

**It's important to remember that the provided thresholds for assessment are guides; clinical judgment is essential. Seek further advice if the scores don't ring true.**

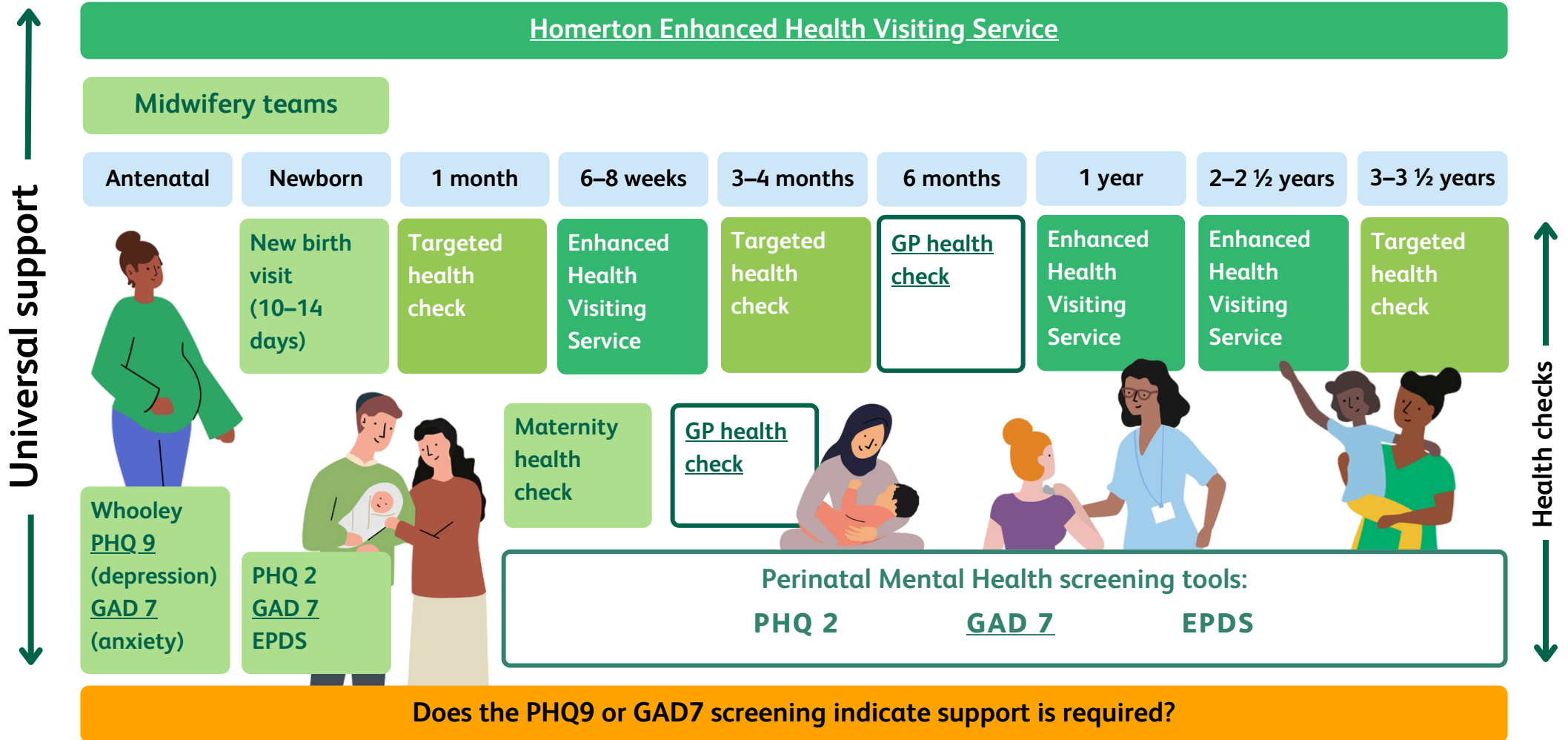
**Referrals can be made up to two years after the birth of a child in City and Hackney.**

**Please also note:** Perinatal mental health (PMH) services focus on the mental health of parents and carers, while parent-infant relationship (PIR) services focus on strengthening the bond and quality of the relationship between the parent and infant. PIR and PMH teams often collaborate to provide timely, appropriate care, especially as parents may face overlapping challenges. **For PIR support, please refer to our Parent-Infant Relationship (PIR) pathway.**

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These universal services are self-referral and can be accessed without the need for an assessment.

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Universal support  
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## Community based services

- Fathers Intervention Project: Dad's Who
- Turkish Women's antenatal classes (Minik Kardes)
- Chatworks (Black/African/Afro-Caribbean parents)
- MIND
- Video Interactive Guidance
- Triple P babies (parenting programme).

## Patient support groups

- Postnatal drop ins (run by midwife team)
- Physiotherapy Support
- Perinatal Mental Health walking group

## Perinatal Mental Health Specialist Service

- Family Planning Counselling



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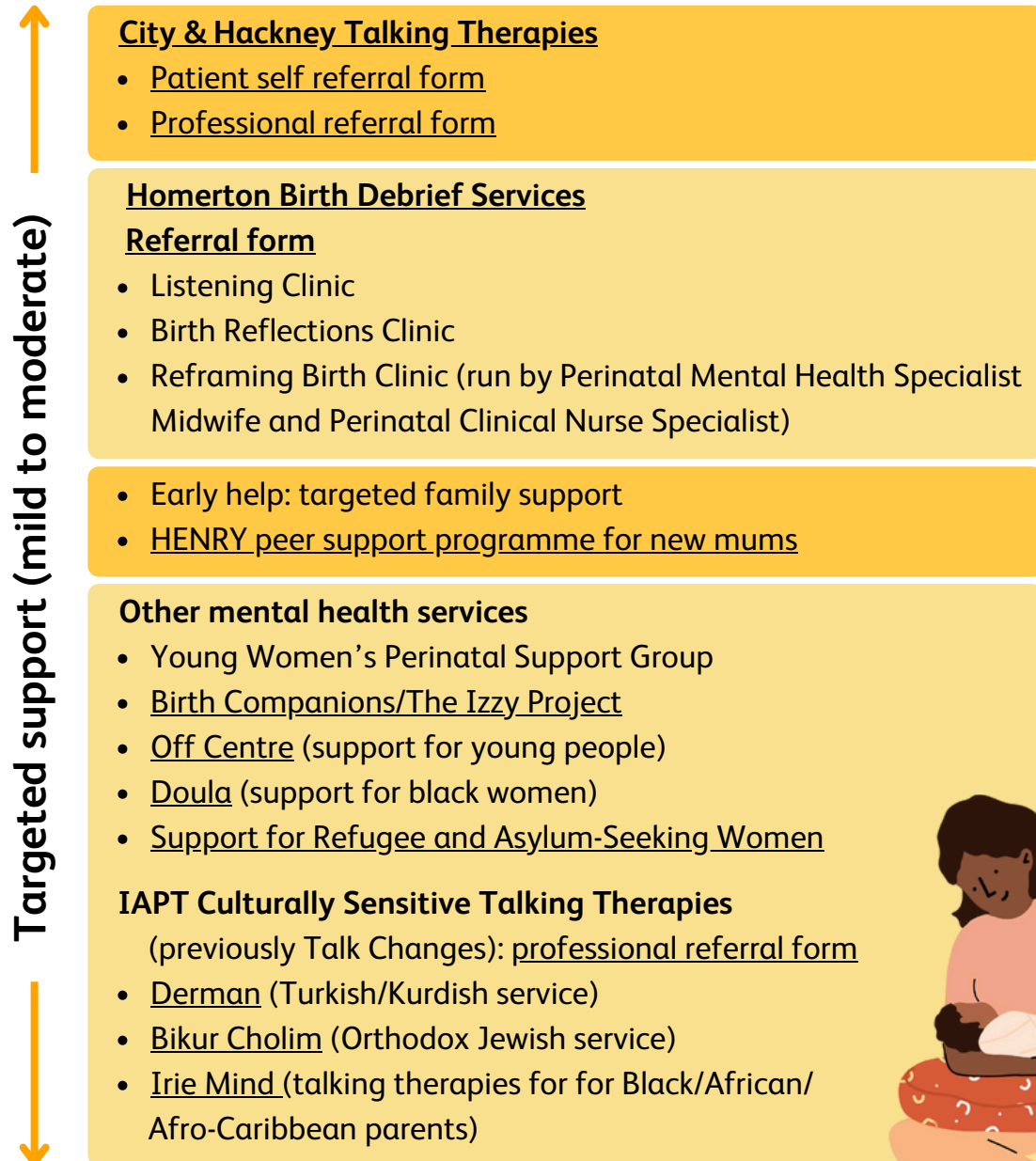


## Children & Family Hubs and Children's centres

Visit one of our locations to privately speak with a staff member for advice on services across the 0-19 (or 25 with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities) age range. They can also connect families to additional services if more targeted or specialist support is needed.



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## MILD TO MODERATE SCORES:

GAD-7 (Anxiety) = 10–14

PHQ-9 (Depression) = 10–14

EPDS (Depression and Anxiety) = 13–18

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Targeted support (moderate to severe)

## ELFT Perinatal Mental Health Services

- Mother & Baby Unit

## Specialist Perinatal Mental Health Team

- Referral form

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- Patient self referral form
- Professional referral form

## Therapies that could be offered:

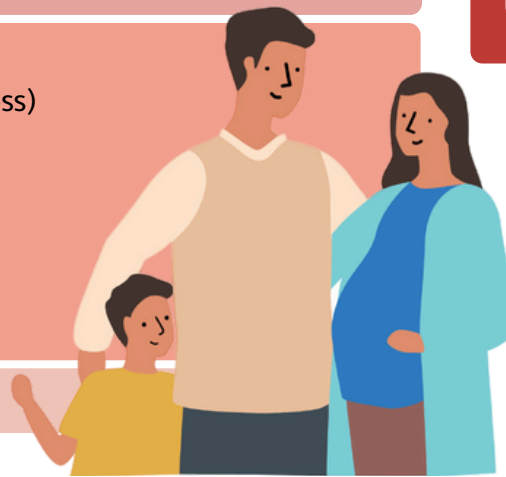
- Family & Couple Therapy (FCT)
- Cognitive Behaviour Therapy (CBT)
- Dialectical Behaviour Therapy (DBT)
- Eye Movement Desensitisation and Reprocessing (EMDR)
- Solution Focused Therapy (SFT)
- Mindfulness Based Cognitive Therapy (MBCT)
- Structured Clinical Management (SCM)

## Multi-Agency Safeguarding Hub (MASH)

## Support services:

- OCEAN Service (birth trauma and birth loss)
- Orbit (Turning Point Recovery Services)
- Positive Birth after Sexual Trauma Clinic
- Separation at Birth & Hope Box Project
- PAUSE Project
- Domestic abuse

## Substance misuse liaison midwife



## **MODERATE TO SEVERE SCORES:**

GAD-7 (Anxiety) = 15 or more

PHQ-9 (Depression) = 15 or more or Q9 > 0

EPDS (Depression and Anxiety) = 13–18  
or more or Q10 >

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