

Criteria for Referral to OXPIP

- 1. Parent with child up to age 2.**
- 2. Where there is evidence of a dysfunction/disruption to the relationship/attunement of parent and infant.**
- 3. Where there is evidence that the parents want to engage with therapeutic work. And that they have the capacity to change.**

Antenatal

Miscarriage
IVF/ Infertility treatment
Previous traumatic birth experiences
No space for baby in parent's mind
Pregnancy seems unreal – baby not thought about or experienced as real person

Parental history and present circumstances

PND
Depression - in current or previous generations
Chronic maternal anxiety
Death of previous child
Death or illness in the family
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Isolation
Lack of support
Recent life stress (bereavement, job loss, immigration)

Interactional/relationship issues

Difficulties bonding with the baby
Negative attributes made towards a child, even if 'jokey'
Lack of conversation/vocalisation with the baby
Lack of eye contact
Lack of sensitivity to infant's cries or signals
No encouragement of child's development
No praise for baby's achievements
Physically rough with the baby

Vulnerability in Baby

Failure to thrive
Feeding difficulties and/or constipation
Severe sleep problems
Extreme crying/very difficult to manage
Prematurity
Passive/nonresponsive or excessively compliant baby
Developmental delay
Lack of vocalisation by the baby