

Update for attendance at scan appointments

Due to COVID-19 we have had to make a number of changes within our maternity and ultrasound services which has meant that restrictions were put in place to provide a safe environment for everyone. As a result partners and children were not permitted to attend any ultrasound or maternity appointments.

However, on review of the current situation we are pleased to announce that as of Monday 10th August 2020, we will be allowing one other adult to attend the 20 week anomaly ultrasound scan. This change in policy has taken into consideration the requirements relating to social distancing and PPE guidance.

The nominated attendee must be an adult, strictly no children will be allowed into the department, with no exceptions. They cannot be self-isolating or living with anyone who is self-isolating and must not be showing symptoms for COVID-19.

Unfortunately at this time, this relaxation of the policy is only applicable to the 20 week anomaly scan. Women must still attend ALONE to ANY other ultrasound or maternity appointment, no exceptions will be given. We recognise and understand the challenges this policy brings and how difficult this is and has been for everyone. We thank you for your continued support in helping us to keep everyone as safe as we can, during these difficult times.

This policy will be reviewed regularly and changes may be made to our services to remain compliant with government guidance and safe working practice.

Thank you again for being patient with the current situation; we are doing everything we can to provide a safe service for you and our staff; ensuring your experience in maternity is a positive one.