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Frequently Asked Questions | Maternity Services – visiting and attendance

General principles for partner visiting to the maternity unit/ward-

- Attendees for antenatal consultation and scan appointments will be asked to wait outside the department until their appointment slot.
- Attendees will be asked to wear a face mask (unless medically exempt).
- Attendees will be asked to complete appropriate symptom checkers prior to entering a maternity department or area.
- Anyone with symptoms of Covid-19 will be asked not to enter the department or area.
- Attendees will be asked to decontaminate their hands when entering and leaving the maternity department or area.
- Generally, attendees will be asked to remain in the room or area that their partner is being cared for to avoid congregation of visitors within the maternity department or area.
- We are generally unable to provide food and refreshments, and partners/support persons are encouraged to bring any items, food or drinks that they need during admission.

Can my partner or other support person attend an early pregnancy scan/appointment with me?

Yes, one nominated birth partner/support person can attend any early pregnancy scan/appointment with you.

Can my partner or other support person attend my dating scan?

Yes, one nominated birth partner/support person can attend your dating scan

Can my partner or other support person attend my 20 week anomaly scan?

Yes, one nominated birth partner/support person can attend your 20 week anomaly scan

Can my partner or other support person attend my growth scan/s?

Yes, one nominated birth partner/support person can attend your growth scan/s

Can my partner or other support person attend a pregnancy appointment or consultation with me?

If your appointment is within one of the maternity antenatal clinics or hospital site areas, one nominated birth partner/support person will be able to attend this with you.

If you are attending a community midwifery appointment in your GP surgery, the attendance of a nominated birth partner/support person will be dependent on your GP surgery's risk assessment. They will be able to inform you about whether your support person may attend.

Can my partner or other support person attend a membrane sweep appointment with me?

If your appointment is within one of the maternity antenatal clinics or hospital site areas, one nominated birth partner/support person will be able to attend this with you.

If you are attending a community midwifery appointment in your GP surgery, the attendance of a nominated birth partner/support person will be dependent upon your GP surgery risk assessment. They will be able to inform you about whether your support person may attend.

Can my partner or other support person attend when my labour starts?

At the beginning of labour, all women will be offered an individual assessment at home, or in their chosen birth setting. One nominated birth partner or support person will be able to attend during this assessment.

If you are found to be in active labour, you will be moved to a single labour room where your one nominated birth partner or support person will stay to support you during labour.

If you are not found to be in active labour, you will often be supported and encouraged to go home to await events in your own comfortable home environment.

If you decide to remain in hospital to await events, the attendance of one nominated birth partner or support person will be in line with 4 hour visiting slots on the antenatal ward areas.

Can my partner or other support person attend when I'm in active labour?

When you are in active labour, one nominated birth partner or support person will be able to attend with you for the duration of labour, your birth and for several hours after birth, until the point you are transferred to the postnatal ward. At this point some women who are well may choose to be discharged home from the birth centre or labour ward setting.

Can my partner or other support person attend if I'm having a caesarean birth?

One nominated birth partner or support person will be able to attend with you for your caesarean birth from the time you are cared for on labour ward in a single room, throughout your birth in theatre, and for several hours after birth (until the point you are transferred to the postnatal ward).

Can my partner or other support person attend if I'm attending a hospital or ward an unexpected admission (e.g. with reduced movements)?

One nominated birth partner or support person will be able to attend with you during an unexpected admission if this is within a single room triage area.

If you are admitted to an area or setting which is not a single room area, attendance of a nominated birth partner will be dependent upon the capacity of the area.

Can my partner or other support person attend when I am being induced?

One nominated birth partner or support person will be able to attend for a four hour visiting slot (which is staggered to ensure no more than three support persons per bay/area at any one time)

Visiting slots will be 10.00-14.00 for beds 1/3/5

Visiting slots will be 14.30-18:30 for beds 2/4/6

Can my partner or other support person attend to visit me on the postnatal ward?

One nominated birth partner or support person will be able to attend for a four hour visiting slot (which is staggered to ensure no more than three support persons per bay/area at any one time)

Visiting slots will be 10.00-14.00 for beds 1/3/5

Visiting slots will be 14.30-18:30 for beds 2/4/6

Can my partner or other support person attend if I am using a midwife-led birth centre for labour?

When you are in labour, one nominated birth partner or support person will be able to attend with you for the duration of labour, your birth and afterwards, as this will be within a single room facility.