

You asked:

For information relating to maternity services and what is available for new mothers in light of the very fluid covid situation:

1) Are women allowed to take someone into their prenatal appointments with them?

Partners are invited to attend 12 and +20 weeks scans.

2) Are birthing partners allowed into the birth?

Yes, partners are invited to attend when labour is established.

3) Are health visitors visiting the new mothers in person?

Yes, in accordance with Welsh Governments modified Healthy Child Wales Programme and upon a risk assessed approach with families.

4) I'd also be keen to know if referrals have increased since the beginning of the pandemic for postnatal depression services? I've heard, anecdotally, concerns about more new mothers suffering in light of the isolation. Do your statistics reflect that concern?

Due to services merging and changes in criteria, the perinatal service are unable to identify if there is a specific increase in postnatal referrals due to Covid and isolation.