

Your antenatal appointments

Information and advice for mums-to-be

Maternity

This booklet gives you information about your antenatal appointments. Please keep it safe and bring it with you when you visit your midwife, doctor or any hospitals appointments.

Hospital sticker

Telephone: _____

GP: _____

Your midwife's details

Your named midwife is: _____

Contact number: _____

Team sticker

Hospital details

Hospital booked at: _____

Antenatal clinic: _____

Delivery suite: _____

Community office: _____

Minimum number of appointments for women who are low risk

Appointment	First pregnancy only	If you have had a pregnancy before
Booking	✓	✓
Dating scan	✓	✓
16 weeks	✓	✓
Anomaly scan	✓	✓
25 weeks	✓	
28 weeks	✓	✓
31 weeks	✓	
34 weeks	✓	✓
36 weeks	✓	✓
38 weeks	✓	✓
40 weeks	✓	
41 weeks	✓	✓

If you have medical problems or problems develop in your pregnancy you may have more visits than this.

Your appointments

If you need to change an appointment please telephone:

Hospital Appointment: _____

Community Appointment: _____

What to bring to your appointments

Please bring a urine sample with you to every appointment so it can be tested to see if you have any complications. You can get a urine sample pot from the reception desk at the antenatal clinic or your GP surgery.

Your first scan

You will be sent a letter in the post offering you a scan for when you are 10 – 14 weeks pregnant. This scan will confirm your pregnancy, the number of babies and when you are expected to give birth. You will also be offered a test to find out how likely it is that your baby will have Down's Syndrome, includes Edwards Syndrome or Pataus Syndrome. Your midwife can give you more information about this.

If you do not receive an appointment letter please call the antenatal appointments hub on 0121 507 4387.

Symptoms to report

If you are **6 – 15 weeks pregnant** and experience any of the symptoms below, please go to **your GP or nearest Emergency Department (ED)**.

If you are **16 – 42 weeks pregnant** and experience any of the symptoms below:

- Abdominal (tummy) pains
- Bleeding from your vagina
- Your waters break
- Severe headache
- Blurred vision
- Itching that isn't getting better, especially on your hands and feet.
- Your baby isn't moving as much or you notice a change to baby's usual pattern of movements (once you start feeling your baby move).

Please contact:

Maternity Triage, Midland Metropolitan University Hospital:

0121 507 4181 (open 24 hours a day, seven days a week)

Your Birth Plan

Please feel free to write your thoughts and ideas or attach your birth plan here:

Further information and support

Alcohol, drugs and smoking

Drinkline 0300 123 1110

FRANK drugs helpline 0300 123 6600

NHS Smoking Helpline 0800 169 0169

Breastfeeding

National Breastfeeding Helpline 0300 100 0212

Health advice

NHS Choices www.nhs.uk

NHS Direct 111

Pregnancy and childbirth

Antenatal Results and Choices 0207 713 7486

National Childbirth Trust 0300 330 0700

Other organisations

National Domestic Violence Helpline 0808 2000 247

Further information

For more information about our hospitals and services please see our website www.swbh.nhs.uk, like us on Facebook www.facebook.com/SWBHnhs or Instagram @swbhnhhs

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