



Maternity services

Visiting Suspended

The Women and Children's Centre is working hard to prevent the spread of Coronavirus.

For the protection of our patients and their loved ones, and for our staff, the following restrictions to our Maternity Services have now been put in place:

- **One birthing partner may be present for established labour and birth**
- **Partners are not permitted to join on the antenatal or postnatal ward**
- **We will not be able to support partners to attend antenatal appointments or scanning appointments. This includes all outpatient and clinic visits.**
- **While these restrictions are in place, expectant mums will receive a complimentary scan photograph**
- **All patients and visitors must wash their hands thoroughly before and after all hospital visits and/or use hand sanitiser**
- **There may be times when, due to individual circumstances, partners will be able to join during the course of antenatal or postnatal care. Maternity staff will advise as appropriate on an individual basis.**

We understand these restrictions are strict and that they may cause distress, but we are doing our utmost to protect you, your family and our staff in these unprecedented times.

These rules will be regularly reviewed and scaled back as soon as it is safe to do so.

We appreciate your ongoing support with this difficult decision which will help us to better protect staff, patients and visitors from coronavirus. Thank you.