

A Visit
to the
Fetal Centre

WHAT TO EXPECT WHEN I VISIT THE FETAL CENTRE

WHAT WILL HAPPEN AFTER I ARRIVE?

A member of the Fetal Centre team will meet you and collect your notes and show you to our waiting area.

WHO WILL I SEE?

You will see a Consultant or a senior member of the fetal medicine team. They will be accompanied by other members of the Fetal Centre team, e.g. Midwife or Health Care Assistant.

There will also be junior doctors in training who would like to be present during your scan/consultation with your consent.

DO I NEED A FULL BLADDER?

This is not necessary after 16 weeks of pregnancy.

WILL I HAVE A LONG WAIT TO BE SEEN?

The Fetal Centre is a specialist unit with referrals from all over the North West, Wales and Isle of Man. We deal with problems that may be complex and often very time consuming.

As this situation is not predictable it is not always possible for you to be seen at your expected appointment time. We will however try to keep you informed and you could even be asked if you would like to go away for a drink and return.

Please come prepared for unexpected delays.

It would be advisable for you to be accompanied by a family member or a friend. Women who need procedures like amniocentesis are strongly advised not to drive home themselves.

If you have an afternoon appointment then it may be advisable to make arrangements for a friend or relative to meet your children from school.

Should you have any further queries do not hesitate to ask a member of staff or telephone 0151 702 4211 to speak to a Specialist Midwife in the Fetal Centre.

This information is not intended to replace discussion with either medical or midwifery staff. If you have any questions regarding the contents of this leaflet please discuss this with a midwife or obstetrician. The hospital is heavily involved in research and you might be asked to consider taking part in a

research study. A midwife or doctor will discuss this with you and answer any questions that you may have.

This leaflet may be available in different formats on request

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