

### Accompanying adults

The scan rooms are small and only 2 adults may accompany you for the pregnancy screening scan.

### Children

It is inappropriate to bring young children for the pregnancy examination.

We appreciate that at times this may be difficult. Therefore, you may wish to bring another adult with you to supervise any siblings in the waiting area whilst your scan is performed.



**Switch off all mobile phones and no recording is permitted of ultrasound examinations. Scanning equipment is radio wave sensitive.**

### Personal choices

As a teaching hospital, we often have Ultrasound trainees and medical staff undergoing training. If a trainee is present we will ask your permission for them to perform the scan under supervision. You have the right to decline. This will not affect your care in any way.



**Private 3D/4D Fetal scans** with sexing are available at Torbay Hospital at a cost of £180.00. This scan provides you with a personal viewing of your baby and multiple 3D colour pictures and CD. We can perform this scan from 27-33 weeks and you may book this by ringing the antenatal clinic reception on ☎(01803) 655930.

### Contact us

**If you have any queries about your appointment please ring the bookings call centre on ☎ (01803) 656326 or antenatal ☎ (01803) 654612**

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## PATIENT INFORMATION



**Pregnancy  
ultrasound  
scans at  
Newton Abbot  
Community  
Hospital**

**Your pregnancy ultrasound scan can be performed at Newton Abbot Community Hospital which has a pleasant radiology department with modern scan rooms.**

**Please remember to bring along your maternity notes.**

**Where do I go for this examination?**

Newton Abbot Community Hospital is situated on WestGolds road, Jetty Marsh, Newton Abbot, TQ12 2SL.

There is a regular bus service from the town centre and parking is generally easier but can be limited at certain times of the day. You should find details enclosed with your appointment. If you choose to travel by car you will need to allow plenty of time to park.

You will also need small change as you will need to buy a parking ticket

**What is an ultrasound scan?**

This is a medical examination, we assess the well being and development of your baby and look for abnormalities.

This is a simple examination, which uses sound waves to build up a picture of your body on a television screen. It is safe, painless and usually

a quick procedure, the detailed examination can take up to 30 minutes.

**On Arrival**

The ultrasound imaging department is situated on the ground floor adjacent to the minor injuries unit, to the right of the main entrance. You need to book in at the Minor injuries reception for your scan and wait in the radiology waiting area.

**During the scan**

Some warmed gel will be placed on your skin and a small transducer will be rubbed over your body to produce images of the baby and womb.

Scanning requires great concentration by the sonographer. Interruptions and disturbances during the scan make it more difficult and cause inappropriate delays.

The sonographer will let you know her findings after she has finished the scan. Please save any questions about the scan until then.

Once the examination is complete the scan report will be printed out and placed in your hand held notes.

Sometimes follow up scans or clinical appointments are needed. If this is the case, we will let you know at the time.

**Fetal Scan images**

If you would like a 2D picture of your baby please put £4.00 into the stamp

receipt machine in the waiting room and hand it to the sonographer before the scan commences. **Be aware this machine does not give change.**

Your permission is required if other relatives/friends purchase a picture of your baby

**Fetal sexing**

You should inform the sonographer if you wish to know the sex of your baby before scanning starts.

Please note it is **not always possible** to see or be sure of the sex and we do not rescan for fetal sexing alone.

**What if there is something wrong with my scan?**

If you are having a 20 week anomaly screening scan and there is a problem with the baby then the sonographer will inform you. If it is minor problem you will be provided with some written information. If you need a follow up appointment you will be advised of this at the time.

If the abnormality is more serious the sonographer will need to contact Torbay hospital maternity assessment unit to arrange for you to be seen there by a specialist midwife or obstetrician.