

PATIENT INFORMATION

Dating and Combined Screening Test

Please read this information, it will help you to understand what will happen at your dating and combined screening test

Please ensure that you bring your hand held maternity notes and your completed screening choices form with you

This will have been given to you by your community midwife



Due to high demand for scans, please note that if you arrive more than 10 minutes late, your appointment may be cancelled and you will be asked to rebook. If you know you are running more than 10 minutes late, please contact the reception on 01803 654612 to see if you are still able to be seen.

On arrival, book in at the reception desk on level 4, in the Women's Health Unit. You will be asked to take a seat in the waiting room

You will be called by the sonographer, who will perform the scan. She will weigh you and then take you into the scan room for your scan.



The ultrasound scan will accurately date your pregnancy. Generally the scan is on your abdomen. On occasion a trans-vaginal scan maybe required.

Please arrive with a full bladder. This helps us to have a clearer view of the baby.

Only 2 adults are allowed to accompany you into the scan room.

The use of mobile phones, tablets or video recording is prohibited during the scan, therefore we ask you to turn these devices off.



The Ultrasound scan is an in depth medical examination of you and your unborn baby. **For this reason we suggest that you do not bring children to these appointments.** We appreciate that at times this may be difficult, therefore you may wish to bring another adult with you to supervise any children in the waiting area whilst you are examined and the results are discussed

Please be aware that we are a training department and your consent to scan with a supervised trainee will be obtained before the scan commences.

Scan photos are £5 each, please bring the correct change (50p, £1, £2, £5 and £10 notes), as no change is given.

Please note that we can only look at the sex of your baby at the 20 week anomaly scan.



Following the scan you will be asked to sit in the waiting room. Please do not empty your bladder before providing a urine sample which you will need to take into the Maternity Care Assistant (MCA) when you are called. There may be a delay between the scan and the MCA appointment. She will refer to your screening choices form and take blood samples for the tests you have consented to

If you have requested Down's screening but we are unable to perform the NT scan, the MCA will arrange for you to return for a Quadruple test.



The MCA will then advise you on how to make your 20 week anomaly scan appointment. If you are also booked to see a doctor at this appointment you will be called for your consultation. Please note there may be a delay between being seen by the MCA and the doctor.

For further assistance or to receive this information in a different format, please contact the department which created this leaflet.