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CHILDREN ATTENDING ULTRASOUND SCANS

Maternity & Gynaecology Ultrasound Department

Abbey Wing St Peter's Hospital and

Topaz Suite Ashford Hospital

Attendance of children at your ultrasound scans

We want you and your partner to get the most from your scans in our department. These appointments provide important clinical information about the health of your baby and an opportunity for you to bond with the new member of your family. However, we politely request that you avoid bringing children to our department.

The reasons that we request this are:

- The purpose of all scans is to exclude abnormalities and monitor normal growth patterns for which the sonographer requires a quiet environment to concentrate.
- The ultrasound image does not appear like a 'baby' to a child's eyes as most scans take cross sections of the baby's anatomy. Unfortunately, this often results in a child becoming bored and restless, affecting everyone's concentration and enjoyment of the scan.
- In the relatively rare circumstance of an abnormality being found, the presence of a child increases stress levels for all of those present. The child may become upset, not understanding why his/her parents are distressed.
- The ability for our sonographers to concentrate during the scans is a priority in order to provide a safe service. A quiet, undisturbed scan appointment allows for information to be optimally and clearly given to our expectant parents.

We appreciate that there may be occasional situations where a woman has no support for childcare so we would be happy to discuss this prior to the appointment. Please call 01932 722665 or 01932 722670.

Further Information

We endeavour to provide an excellent service at all times, but should you have any concerns please, in the first instance, raise these with the Matron, Senior Nurse or Manager on duty.

If they cannot resolve your concern, please contact our Patient Experience Team on 01932 723553 or email asp-tr.patient.advice@nhs.net. If you remain concerned, the team can also advise upon how to make a formal complaint.

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