

INFORMATION ABOUT YOUR SCAN APPOINTMENTS

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You must read – ‘Screening tests for you and your baby’. Please see the QR code attached to your appointment letter. Your scan **cannot be performed until you have done this and completed the Consent Form below.**

Two scans are routinely offered and are **optional** to all women:

1. 12-13 weeks - read section **Down’s syndrome, Edwards syndrome & Patau’s syndrome.**
2. Midpregnancy scan - read section - **11 Physical conditions** at 20 week scan.

If you have queries regarding ultrasound screening tests, you can discuss these with your midwife, or the Screening coordinators before the day of your scan.

CONSENTS FOR SCREENING (circle your choice) **Please bring this consent form with you**

“Screening Tests For You And Your Baby”

I have read and understood the information on the GOV.UK website.

YES / NO

12-13 week scan - basic checks

I would like the sonographer to check the baby’s heartbeat, confirm the due date and inform me if there are any obvious abnormalities.

YES / NO

12-13 week scan – Screening for Down’s (T21), Edward’s (T18), and Patau’s (T13) syndromes

I would like to be tested for Trisomy 21 (Quadruple Test if over 14 weeks)

YES / NO

I would like to be tested for Trisomies 18 & 13

YES / NO

20-21 week scan

I would like the sonographer to perform a detailed check of the baby’s anatomy and inform me if there are any abnormalities. (This does not relate to the sex of the baby).

YES / NO

I understand that not all abnormalities will be detected by ultrasound and that my Body Mass Index will affect the detection rate (see Page 2).

Signed _____ Name _____ Date _____

GENERAL INFORMATION

- Please read ALL the information included with this appointment letter.
- It is very important that you take the time to read the screening information before you come for your scan appointment.
- This can be accessed via www.gov.uk/phe/pregnancy-newborn-screening or by scanning the QR code on the leaflet attached to your appointment letter. This information is available in other languages.
- You will need to have read and understood the information so that you can complete the consent form.
- Please remember to bring this form with you to your scan appointment.
- Please be advised, that children are not allowed to attend scan appointments with you. (see enclosed leaflet), you are allowed to bring one other adult into the scan room with you.
- Please check our website www.ashfordstpeters.nhs.uk or our Facebook Page - Abbey Birth Centre ASPH Maternity for up to date hospital information .
- ***You do not need a full bladder for pregnancy scans.*** In most cases the scan will be performed via the abdomen but occasionally it may be necessary to perform an internal scan. This is a completely painless procedure which will be fully explained to you by the sonographer.
- All scans are by appointment so please arrive punctually. Occasionally, due to emergencies, your appointment may be delayed. We appreciate your patience at such times.
- There is no food, drink or active mobile devices (such as ipads and mobile phones), allowed in the scan rooms. **NB photography or videos are not allowed in the scan room.**
- You may wish to buy one or more pictures of your baby. Each picture is £3 payment by card is preferable, to be paid after you have had your scan.
- If you wish to know the sex of the baby we may be able to tell you at the midpregnancy scan, depending on position of the baby.
- The quality of the ultrasound image depends on the amount of tissue the sound waves have to pass through, in order to reach the baby. The sonographer will make a comment on the ultrasound report regarding your Body Mass Index (BMI). This is calculated using your height and weight. Unfortunately, if your BMI is high, we may not be able to exclude all commonly detected abnormalities.