

## **Maternity COVID-19 Statement 29 March 2021**

Following recent government changes to the lockdown rules across England the Maternity Service are pleased to announce the following changes to our visiting.

### **From the 30<sup>th</sup> of March 2021:**

Your birth partner can continue to attend Maternity Triage with you.

2 Birth partners/supporters can accompany you in labour and stay with you for a short period after the baby is born before your transfer to the Maternity Ward.

We can offer two prearranged 1.5-hour visiting slots per day on the Maternity Ward. However, your visitors must be the same as those who supported you in labour. And only one can attend at a time whilst on the Postnatal ward

1 birth partner/supporter can attend with you when you arrive for your induction of labour and stay throughout the procedure and for a period following the induction. They will be able to return later in the day dependant on the time of your induction. When you are in labour and ready for transfer to Delivery Suite your 2 Birth partners/ support persons can attend.

1 birth partner/supporter can attend with you when you arrive for your elective C-Section and stay throughout the procedure and for a period following the birth. Your partner/ support person will be able to return later in the day dependant on the time of your birth. In addition, you can have 1 other nominated support person for postnatal visiting, however only one can attend for each visiting period.

### **From the 6<sup>th</sup> of April 2021:**

Your birth partner may accompany you to any pregnancy related scans, this includes the Early Pregnancy Unit and the Antenatal Clinic.

Your birth partner can also attend for any Antenatal appointments at Thomas Linacre or Leigh Infirmary.

**Please note that whilst every effort will be made to enable your partner/supporter to be present if they have any symptoms of COVID then they will not be able to enter the Maternity Unit/Antenatal Clinic or Scan. We will also check their temperature on arrival and provide a hospital mask for them to wear.**

We will strive to support you and your family during this pandemic but unfortunately these visiting arrangements are subject to change due to the COVID pandemic. Further details regarding visiting and other useful information can be found on our Maternity page

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