**What is the Gynaecology Emergency Department?**

This department is dedicated to providing emergency care for women with either:

* A gynaecological problem (relating to the female reproductive system)
* A problem in early pregnancy (up to

16 weeks)

You can be referred by your GP, by A&E or by

another department within the hospital. We do not offer a self-referral or walk-in service.

**What will happen when I arrive at the unit?**

You will wait and see a Gynaecology

Emergency Nurse, who will carry out an assessment of your condition as soon as possible.

**What will happen during my assessment?**

Your initial assessment will be with the gynaecology nurse or doctor. They will ask you about your problem and perform any necessary tests or examinations.

This **may** include-

• Blood pressure, pulse, temperature

• Urine sample

• Blood tests

• General and vaginal examination

• Ultrasound scan (this may include a vaginal scan)

**What will happen after my assessment?**

Once all tests and investigations are carried you will either be:

* Allowed to go home (A discharge letter will be sent to your GP)
* Referred to a different clinic, department or specialist for further assessment
* Admitted to the gynaecology ward for further treatment or investigations

*Please note:*

We see patients in the order of their clinical priority. We would therefore appreciate your understanding should a woman with an urgent problem need to be seen before you.

We will try to complete your assessment as quickly as possible. Please allow a minimum of 3 hours for your visit.

* Please do not eat or drink anything until you have been assessed by the nurse or doctor.
* Please let staff know if you need to go to the toilet, as a urine sample may be required.
* Please tell us if you have any special needs or requirements.
* We ask that only one person remain with you within the department due to limited space in our waiting area.
* We understand that in an emergency situation you may have children with you in the department. Please try to contact a relative or friend, as soon as possible, to come and take care of them for you.
* Mobile phones should remain switched off at all times within department. They can be used outside the main doors of the ward at the lifts.

**Contact details:**

***Gynaecology Emergency Dept-***

0141 201-2249

*Please make referrals via your GP.*