

**Emergency Gynaecology Clinic – Information for General Practitioners**

The aim of this service is to offer a more efficient service to our patients and potentially reduce inpatient admissions.

How should a patient be referred?

All referrals are accepted via the Gynaecology ST1/2 on call. They are contactable via switchboard on 0117 9505050.

The Doctor on call will be able to give you the appointment time for your patient or discuss whether the patient needs to be admitted more urgently.

When will the service run?

We will be running the clinic Monday to Friday from 1330 to 1600. We will have 5 ‘slots’ each afternoon so the patients will be given a time to attend the ward.

This clinic will run in addition to the current Early Pregnancy Clinic which will continue to run in the normal way each weekday morning.

Who can be referred?

We will accept referrals from General Practitioners, Accident and Emergency Department and other specialties within the trust.

Pregnancy problems in women greater than 18 weeks pregnant and within 6 weeks of delivery should be referred to the Obstetric ST1/2 on call.

We would aim to offer an appointment within 24 hours of referral. If this is not possible as the clinic is booked then the patient would need to be admitted to the ward in the normal way.

Any acutely unwell patient should be referred and admitted immediately in the usual way.

Who will see the patients?

The patients will be seen initially on arrival by a nurse or Health care assistant who will perform their observations and urinalysis / pregnancy test.

They will then be seen by either the Gynaecology SHO or Registrar, with support from a Consultant.

What investigations will be performed?

As we are aiming to provide a ‘one-stop’ service we have the facility to perform an ultrasound scan as part of their visit if this is considered necessary.

Investigations such as blood tests and swabs or urine tests that are outstanding will be followed up by the clinic and communicated to the patient where a significant positive result is found. Patients and General Practitioners will be informed in the discharge letter of any outstanding investigations.

What information will the General Practitioners receive?

Communication with the patients General Practitioner is essential. We have a discharge proforma that we will send to the General Practice on the day so they are informed of the outcome of the visit.

The outcome for the patient may be admission, discharge with GP follow up or discharge with Gynaecology follow up. We will give the patient a copy of the discharge letter.