

Patient information

Maternity Day Assessment Unit (MDAU)

Women and pregnant people attend the Maternity Day Assessment Unit (MDAU) to be assessed and monitored if they have developed complications that require further investigation. This means that appropriate treatment and advice can be given and follow up appointments made if necessary. This appointment will be arranged by your midwife or Consultant Obstetrician (if you are seeing one).

In diagnosing problems early and providing an appropriate and individual plan of care, we help you and your partner make informed choices about your pregnancy which ensures the best possible outcome for you and your baby.

As you will be seen as an outpatient, you will be able to stay at home with your family for as long as your condition safely permits.

Where is MDAU?

MDAU is accessed via the Antenatal Clinic on the first floor. When you arrive, please ring the doorbell and a midwife will be made aware that you are here. MDAU is open Monday to Friday 8.30am to 4.30pm for booked appointments only. For urgent queries you can call the Maternity triage unit which is situated alongside MDAU.

Contact details can be found at the end of this leaflet.

Referrals

During your pregnancy, you may come into contact with a range of medical professionals, all of whom may find it appropriate to refer you to be seen on MDAU. The list of who may make an appointment for you includes.

Midwives

Antenatal clinic staff

Inpatient clinical staff

We will see you if you are over 16 weeks pregnant. Some of the most likely reasons to see you will be:

Ultrasound Scan reviews.

Your baby is not lying head down after 36 weeks.
Ongoing management and assessment of pregnancy complications.
Planned monitoring of baby's heart rate from the obstetrician.
Outpatient induction of labour (Monday-Friday) please see Induction of Labour leaflet regarding outpatient inductions.

The Maternity Day Assessment is strictly appointment based at 45-minute intervals throughout the day. For any unexpected pregnancy concern please contact maternity triage.

If you are coming to MDAU for regular appointments and on-going care, we can make your appointments in advanced around your schedule and any other children. You may be asked to attend the phlebotomy clinic prior to attending MDAU for any blood tests. This will hopefully reduce your waiting times after your appointment for blood results. Please be aware that dependent on the activity on the day there may be a short wait, the team will endeavor to see you and communicate any delays.

Our staff

Our team includes midwives, maternity care assistants and obstetric doctors. Following admission to MDAU, you will be assessed by the midwife and seen by the obstetric doctors if necessary. A plan of care will be discussed and made with you. You will then be advised about any follow-up appointments that may be needed.

Contact Information:

Community Midwifery Hub, 9am-5pm, Monday to Friday - 01284 713755
Maternity Day assessment Unit, 8.30am-4.30pm, Monday to Friday - 01284 712723
Maternity Triage, 24 hours 7 days a week – 01284 712723
Labour Suite, 24 hours, 7 days a week - 01284 713278
Antenatal Ward F11, 24 hours, 7 days a week - 01284 713216

West Suffolk NHS Foundation Trust is actively involved in clinical research. Your doctor, clinical team or the research and development department may contact you regarding specific clinical research studies that you might be interested in participating in. If you do not wish to be contacted for these purposes, please email info.gov@wsh.nsh.uk. This will in no way affect the care or treatment you receive.

If you would like any information regarding access to the West Suffolk Hospital and its facilities please visit the website for AccessAble (the new name for DisabledGo) <https://www.accessable.co.uk/organisations/west-suffolk-nhs-foundation-trust>



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