

Maternity Services Access for Partners

Introduction

Specific guidance on visiting and attendance by partners at maternity services was integrated into *COVID-19 Guidance on visitations to Acute Hospitals including Children's Hospitals, rehabilitation services and other healthcare settings providing a similar intensity of care (version 2.5)*. The Guidance was published on August 6th 2021 on the HSE website and a broadcast email issued to all HSE staff and its primary objective is to keep maternity services safe.

It is envisaged that further updated guidance will be published arising from ongoing dialogue with a range of stakeholders and advocates for better maternity services.

The grids set out the current status and compliance with current HSPC guidance pertaining to partner access to maternity services as of 25th August 2021.

Dublin Midland Hospital Group									
Hospital	Daily Visits	Labour while on labour ward including C Section	12 week scan	20 week scan	EPAU	High Risk Pregnancy Appts	Emergency Presentations	Parental visits to NICU/ Neonatal Units	Comment
	Yes/No	Yes/No	Yes/No	Yes/No	Yes/No	Yes/No	Yes/No	Yes/No	
Coombe	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	High risk is determined by the Clinician and is individualised
Portlaoise	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	High risk is determined by the Clinician and is individualised

University of Limerick Hospital Group

Hospital	Daily Visits	Labour while on labour ward including C Section	12 week scan	20 week scan	EPAU	High Risk Pregnancy Appts	Emergency Presentations	Parental visits to NICU/ Neonatal Units	Comment
	Yes/No	Yes/No	Yes/No	Yes/No	Yes/No	Yes/No	Yes/No	Yes/No	
UMHL	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	UMHL are in compliance. Partner access to attend scan now in place. Patients requiring a new appointment - decision taken to separate the dating scan from the antenatal clinic appointment. An explanation of the difference in both appointments with clear instructions for the accompanying person to attend is provided in the appointment letter.

Saolta Hospital Group

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	Yes/No	Yes/No	Yes/No	Yes/No	Yes/No	Yes/No	Yes/No	Yes/No	
UHG	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Early pregnancy presentations out of hours come through ED initially, access may be delayed at times of high activity in ED
Portiuncula	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	
Sligo	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	
Mayo	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	
Letterkenny	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	

RCSI Hospital Group									
Hospital	Daily Visits	Labour while on labour ward including C Section	12 week scan	20 week scan	EPAU	High Risk Pregnancy Appts	Emergency Presentations	Parental visits to NICU/ Neonatal Units	Comment
	Yes/No	Yes/No	Yes/No	Yes/No	Yes/No	Yes/No	Yes/No	Yes/No	
Rotunda	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Access is on a planned basis due to the infrastructure challenges. Where ever sensitive/difficult information is being delivered, every effort is made to ensure an appropriate room is made available.
Our Lady of Lourdes Drogheda	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	
Cavan General	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	

South South West Hospital Group

Hospital	Daily Visits	Labour while on labour ward including C Section	12 week scan	20 week scan	EPAU	High Risk Pregnancy Appts	Emergency Presentations	Parental visits to NICU/ Neonatal Units	Comment
	Yes/No	Yes/No	Yes/No	Yes/No	Yes/No	Yes/No	Yes/No	Yes/No	
CUMH	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	
University Hospital Kerry	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	
STGH, Clonmel	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	
Waterford	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Processes are being put in place to enable full compliance for partner's attendance at the time of the 12 week scan by 30 August 2021 – this involves a virtual pre-attendance administrative process - which is currently underway. Risk assessment is on file

Ireland East Hospital Group									
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	Yes/No	Yes/No	Yes/No	Yes/No	Yes/No	Yes/No	Yes/No	Yes/No	
NMH Holles St	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	
Wexford	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	
St Luke's Kilkenny	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	N	Y	High Risk/Emerg Presentations: Following individual clinical assessment, attendance by partners is facilitated to support the women in the emergency setting
Mullingar	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	N	N	Y	EPAU/High Risk/Emerg. Presentations: Following clinical assessment on a case by case basis, attendance by partners is facilitated on a case by case basis where determined by the clinical team.