

# Maternity Services

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## Maternity Services Update – 7

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Welcome to the South Tees Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust Maternity Service leaflet that aims to provide you with updated information in relation to service changes due to the Coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic.

Information continues to change on a frequent basis from the Government, Public Health England and other sources. The Maternity Service aims to keep you updated on the Trust website on a regular basis if things are changing. Any changes made are to keep you, your family and our staff as safe as possible.

**Please refer to the previous updates on the website for any answers that may not be addressed below**

**These are some of the questions we're frequently being asked**

- **Are Partners allowed to attend a scan appointment?**  
**Partially Yes**

We will continue with partners at dating (12 week) ultrasounds only. Partners must be from the same household bubble and be free of COVID-19 symptoms. In view of the recent nationwide lockdown we will continue to review this on a regular basis in line with any further local or national changes.

- **Is low dependency care still available?**  
**Yes**

Low dependency care is still being provided across both The James Cook University Hospital and the Friarage Maternity Centre.

Low dependency care at The James Cook University Hospital will be temporarily provided on the Delivery Suite as there is a temporary zoning of the Marton Suite to accommodate single rooms for any patients who may be Covid-19 positive.

Low dependency care at the Friarage will continue in the Friarage Maternity Centre. You can speak to one of the team on 01609 763082, who will happily answer any questions you may have.

All women with low dependency pregnancies are invited to attend our Midwife Led Unit at the Friarage Hospital, Northallerton when they are in labour.

It is very important that you call the advice line when you are in labour, before travelling to the hospital, so that the midwife can discuss with you the most suitable place for you to give birth at the onset of labour.

- **Are homebirths still available?**  
**Yes**

We continue to offer a homebirth service. We will continue to review this but please speak to your midwife to discuss further.