



Maternity

Ethos

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Contact Us

Maternity Ward 01983 534329
(24 Hour)

General

We strive to maintain the very best care to all women. At times of high activity, care needs must be prioritized. On occasions there may be a small wait, however we will cater to your needs as quickly as possible. Please be patient at these times.

Non- Smoking Hospital

The trust adheres to the no smoking policy & smoking is not permitted on site. Please be reminded that you will be unable to leave the Maternity Unit to smoke between the hours of 11pm & 7am.



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*On the Maternity Unit
Isle of Wight*



Dear Partner/Companion

Having considered women's views, we have reviewed our visiting times. We now welcome your partner or companion to stay overnight on Maternity at St Mary's Hospital, IOW.

We believe that this change will help with family bonding & also reduce anxiety & stress for mothers.

The decision for overnight stay is now completely your choice. Please be aware that if you choose to stay, it is expected that you will provide practical and emotional help, supporting mother and baby.

Minimizing Noise & Protecting Dignity

Partners/Companions are expected to remain dressed during their stay. We are in the process of gaining funding for reclining chairs, for each bed space. However, we do not wish for this to delay the change of partners staying on the ward.

From 11pm to 7am it is expected that Partners/Companions will remain in their room / their bay if in a shared room, with curtains drawn other than to use the visitor's toilet provided or to provide support to woman & baby.

Do not use noisy mobile phones or devices overnight to aid the sleep of other women & babies.

If you leave the ward between 11pm & 7am we will be unable to allow access back onto the Maternity Unit.

Food & shower facilities are not available to guests, please bring food with you for your stay. You may also visit the canteen in the main hospital.



Infection Control

Please use the reclining chair provided. We ask you to NOT sleep in bed with your partner as this is an infection control risk. The beds are also not designed for two people & any breakages will need to be paid for.

Please ensure the use of hand gel, which is provided, when entering and leaving the Maternity Unit.

Parking

Parking charges must continue to be paid via the parking machines, 24 hours a day. We are unable to provide exemption except in emergencies.

