

Maternity visiting

Delivery suite:

One support partner is welcome to stay with you 24 hours a day. This support partner can be swapped once a day, however, we ask that you do not swap between 22:00 and 06:00. A second support partner can be with you when you are in established labour.

For safety reasons, children are not allowed to visit on our main delivery suite.

Wards:

One support partner is welcome to stay with you 24 hours a day. This support partner can be swapped once a day, however we ask that you do not swap between 22:00 and 06:00.

You may have up to two additional named adult visitors at any one time during the following visiting hours:

Afternoon: 14:00–16:00

Evening: 18:00–20:00

Please note that a maximum of two visitors are allowed within each two-hour period.

Children: Brothers and sisters of the baby are welcome to visit between 14:00–16:00 and 18:00–20:00 only. For infection control reasons, no other children are permitted.

All children must be supervised at all times and must not be left in the patient's care. Please be considerate of other families on the ward by keeping noise to a minimum and limiting the use of electronic devices.

Safety:

All support partners and visitors are required to provide their name on arrival to the unit. This is essential for security and fire safety purposes. Support partners are asked to bring their own food and drinks, wear appropriate clothing, and ensure they are well rested during their stay.

Support partners are encouraged to assist with the patient's comfort and wellbeing, including infant feeding and baby care, throughout the stay on the ward. If you wish to leave the maternity unit to meet visitors elsewhere within the hospital (for example, in the hospital restaurant), please discuss this with your midwife beforehand.

For infection prevention and patient safety reasons, hospital beds are for patients only. Visitors staying overnight must not sleep on the floor and must not bring in own portable beds, camp beds, air mattresses. Please do not move ward furniture. If you have any concerns, or require assistance, speak to a member of staff.

Our visiting guidance has been created with support from our local Maternity and Neonatal Voices Partnership, direct feedback from service users and colleagues, and in conjunction with University Hospitals Birmingham visiting guidelines. For the wellbeing of all our patients, we would ask that

you respect this guidance. If there are any concerns, this may result in you being asked to leave. Please note, neonatal services have separate visiting guidance, which can be found on our website: www.uhb.nhs.uk

Department address and contact information:

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