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# Early Pregnancy Unit

## Women's Health

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This leaflet is intended to give you additional information to that received from a healthcare professional.

## WELCOME TO THE EARLY PREGNANCY UNIT (EPU)

Your doctor has requested that you attend this Assessment Unit because a problem has arisen during the early stages (first 12 weeks) of your pregnancy.

### People you will meet:

- Nursing Staff
- Sonographer (health professional who performs the scans)
- Doctor (the doctor may also perform the scan)

This is an emergency service and the aims of the unit are to offer help and assistance with the pregnancy related problem you are experiencing.

The time spent in the Unit may vary. We see and assess people who arrive without appointments, this allows us to be able to help you when your problem arises, rather than delay to a later date. The nature of the clinic therefore, means that some people will take greater priority and some people will need more time spent with them than others. The average time is 2-3 hours.

If you need an ultrasound scan, this is carried out either in the Early Pregnancy Unit or in the Obstetric and Gynaecology scan department. We are unable to give you a definite time as this varies with demand on that day, but will do our best to help with the minimum of delay.

If a scan is to be performed this will normally be an internal scan. (A small probe is inserted into the vagina, close to the womb) This will allow better views in early pregnancy, so that you are more likely to get a detailed picture of what is happening. This should not be uncomfortable and will not harm your pregnancy.

After your scan, you will be reviewed by the doctor/nurse to discuss the results, and to have any further test or treatments that may be necessary. Please take this opportunity to ask any questions you may have.

**We understand that this is a distressing time for you. We always endeavour to see patients promptly.**

## USEFUL CONTACTS

Early Pregnancy Unit	<b>01932 722662</b>
Scanning session / clinic times	0900 – 1300 hrs Monday to Friday
Telephone advice	0900 – 1500 hrs Monday to Friday

If you need to be seen urgently outside these times, please attend the Accident and Emergency Department.

The Miscarriage Association **01924 200799** (helpline)  
[www.miscarriageassociation.org.uk](http://www.miscarriageassociation.org.uk)

The Association of Early Pregnancy Units  
[www.earlypregnancy.org.uk](http://www.earlypregnancy.org.uk)

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## Further Information

We endeavour to provide an excellent service at all times, but should you have any concerns please, in the first instance, raise these with the Matron, Senior Nurse or Manager on duty. If they cannot resolve your concern, please contact our Patient Advice and Liaison Service (PALS) on 01932 723553 or email [pals@asph.nhs.uk](mailto:pals@asph.nhs.uk). If you still remain concerned please contact our Complaints Manager on 01932 722612 or email [complaints@asph.nhs.uk](mailto:complaints@asph.nhs.uk).

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