

Your referral to the Early Pregnancy Assessment Unit



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Slovak

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Slovensky

Kurdish Sorani

کوردی سۆرانی
نەگەر تۆ یان کەسێک کە تۆ دەیناسی پێویستی بەیارمەتی ھەبێت یۆ نەوێ لەم بەلگەنامە بە تێبەگات یان بێخۆتێنتەو، تکایە پەیوەندیمان پێوە بکە لەسەر ئەو ژمارەیە ی سەرھوددا یان بەو نێمەیلە.

Arabic

عربي
إذا كنت أنت أو أي شخص تعرفه بحاجة إلى مساعدة لفهم أو قراءة هذه الوثيقة، الرجاء الاتصال على الرقم اعلاه، أو مراسلتنا عبر البريد الإلكتروني

Urdu

اُردو
اگر آپ یا آپ کے جاننے والے کسی شخص کو اس دستاویز کو سمجھنے یا پڑھنے کیلئے مدد کی ضرورت ہے تو برائے مہربانی مندرجہ بالا نمبر پر ہم سے رابطہ کریں یا ہمیں ای میل کریں۔

Farsi

فارسى
اگر جناب عالی یا شخص دیگری که شما او را می شناسید برای خواندن یا فهمیدن این مدارک نیاز به کمک دارد لطفاً با ما بوسیله شماره بالا یا ایمیل تماس حاصل فرمایید.

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Following your attendance at the Emergency Department today, you have been referred to the Early Pregnancy Assessment Unit (EPAU), located at Rotherham Hospital at the end of Ward B11. This leaflet is to help you understand why this has been done, and what may be happening.

Why have I been referred to EPAU?

The EPAU is a specialist area in the hospital that deals specifically with problems in early pregnancy.

The most common problem is vaginal bleeding, with or without pain, but sometimes pain alone may be the only symptom. The staff in EPAU will be able to make a further, fuller assessment of the problems you are having, including a review of your symptoms, and a physical examination.

In some cases, but not all, it may also involve taking some blood tests or arranging for an ultrasound scan.

What might be wrong?

Small amounts of bleeding in early pregnancy are not uncommon, especially if they do not last for very long. However, it may be the first signs of a problem, such as a miscarriage, and it is important that we follow up on such symptoms. Should the bleeding be heavier or last longer, particularly if it is associated with period like cramping pains, then a possible miscarriage is more likely.

When will I be seen?

Usually we can organise for you to be seen within two or three days at the EPAU. Sometimes we can give you an appointment time whilst you are still in the Emergency Department, but more often we will organise for someone to phone you in the next 24 hours with your appointment details.

Should no one contact you within 48 hours, please phone the EPAU on the number at the back of this leaflet to make sure an appointment has been made.

What should I do whilst I'm waiting for my EPAU appointment?

Whilst waiting for your appointment, it is usually best to try and live as normally as possible. It is important to realise that once miscarriage has started, there is nothing that can be done to stop it.

Obviously if you feel a little faint or unwell, then resting would be sensible. Taking simple painkillers such as Paracetamol or Cocodamol for any back or abdominal pains you might have, is perfectly safe.

Should you develop very heavy bleeding, severe abdominal pain, fainting or a fever, you should seek help immediately by phoning 999 or coming back to the Emergency Department. For other, minor worries or problems, you should contact your GP or phone the NHS 111 Service on telephone 111.

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How to contact us

Early Pregnancy Assessment Unit (EPAU)

Telephone 01709 427072

Ward B11

Telephone 01709 424349

Switchboard

Telephone 01709 820000

Useful contact numbers

NHS 111 Service

Telephone 111

Health Info

Telephone 01709 427190

Stop Smoking Service

Telephone 01709 422444

A&E

Telephone 01709 424455

For GP out of hours, contact your surgery

Useful websites

www.nhs.uk

www.gov.uk

www.therotherhamft.nhs.uk

We value your comments

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Rotherham Hospital

Moorgate Road

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Rotherham

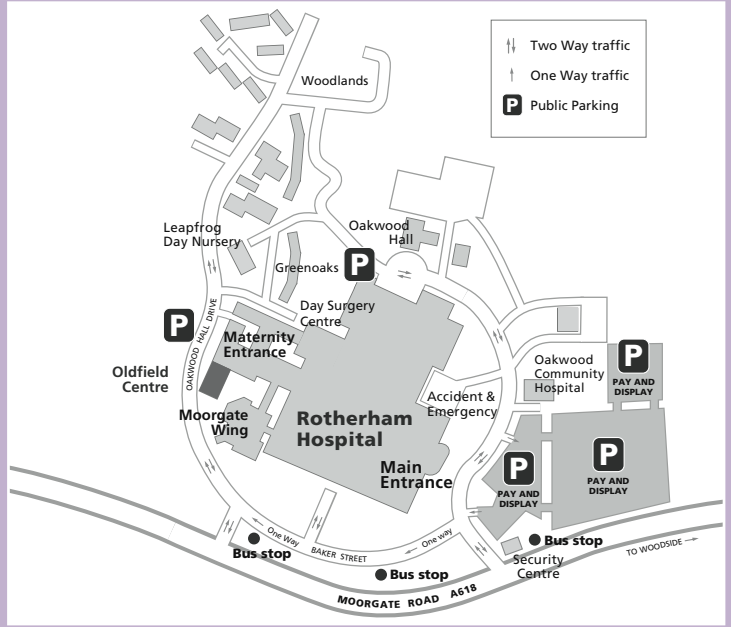
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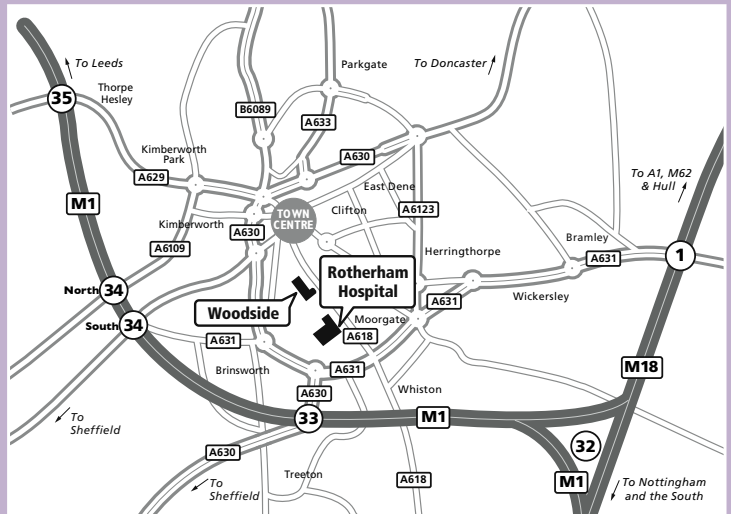
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