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Dear

I am writing to acknowledge receipt of your email dated 20th December 2021 requesting information under the Freedom of Information Act (2000) regarding Maternity partners policies

As of 1st November 2014 University Hospitals of North Midlands NHS Trust (UHNM) manages two hospital sites – Royal Stoke University Hospital, and County Hospital (Stafford). Therefore the response below is for the two sites combined from that date where appropriate.

Q1 *Note: In relation to all questions, please disclose any relevant hospital policies or details relevant to normal times, as well as any temporary hospital policies or details related to births during the coronavirus pandemic.

1. What is your policy related to partners attending routine outpatient appointments and planned scans with pregnant women before birth?

A1 Partners can attend routine outpatient appointments and planned scans with pregnant women before birth

Q2 What is your policy related to partners attending unplanned outpatient appointments and scans with pregnant women before birth?

A2 Partners can attend outpatient appointments and scans with pregnant women before birth
Partners are not allowed to attend our Maternity Assessment Unit (this is maternity services emergency portal for pregnancy and postnatal related concerns).

Q3 What is your policy related to partners being with pregnant women during any induction of labour?

A3 Induction of labour: Birth partners may accompany women who are being induced and stay with them for the first 3 hours after admission. Once they have left, partners will be called when the woman is transferred to delivery suite.

Q4 What is your policy related to partners being with pregnant women while giving birth in a delivery suite, antenatal ward or birth centre?

A4 One birth partner can accompany women in labour from the time of admission

Q5 What is your policy related to the amount of time partners are able to stay on the antenatal ward/delivery suite and/or birth centre after birth?

A5 3 hours

Q6 What is your policy related to partners being with new mothers and their babies on postnatal wards?

A6 Ward 205 and 206 visiting is between 9am-12pm and 1pm-4pm
Partners are asked to contact the appropriate ward for specific visiting times (am or pm) as this is designated by bed number

Q7 If partners are allowed on postnatal wards only during certain visiting hours please can you state what these hours are?

A7 Ward 205 and 206 visiting is between 9am-12pm and 1pm-4pm
Partners are asked to contact the appropriate ward for specific visiting times (am or pm) as this will be designated by bed number

Q8 What is your policy related to partners being with new mothers and their babies in the newborn intensive care unit? If there are also policies regarding the mother's hours allowed in these units please can you also state these?

A8 Unrestricted visiting

Note: information correct up to and inclusive of 25th December, due to Covid-19 visiting rules can often change due to the increasing transmission rates

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If you have any queries related to the response provided please in the first instance contact my office.

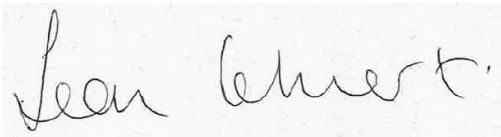
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If following review of the responses I can be of any further assistance please contact my secretary on 01782 671612.

Yours,



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