

***Request under Freedom of Information Act 2000***

Thank you for your request for information which we received on 24 December 2021.

I am pleased to confirm the following.

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

One support partner can attend antenatal appointments and scans if they are not symptomatic and have a negative LFT

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

One support partner can attend unplanned antenatal appointments if they are not symptomatic and have a negative LFT

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

One support partner can be on the ward during the IOL process between 08.00 and 20.00, once transferred to labour ward the support partner can be there continuously, both of these are based on the support partner being non symptomatic with a negative LFT

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

During labour and birth one support partner can be on labour ward continuously based on being non symptomatic and negative LFT, a second birth partner can be requested and in that case both support partners must be double vaccinated, non-symptomatic, with negative LFT's.

**5. 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?**

Support partner can stay until transfer home, to the postnatal ward or to a non-single room

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

One support partner can be on the postnatal ward from 08.00 to 20.00 based on being non symptomatic with a negative LFT

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

08.00 – 20.00

**8. 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?**

One parent can be with the baby continuously based on being non symptomatic with a negative LFT/ PCR and a second parent can visit for a 2-hour slot also based on being non symptomatic with a negative LFT/ PCR

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If you need any further assistance, please do not hesitate to contact us at the address above.

Yours sincerely,

Freedom of Information Co-ordinator  
For and on behalf of Milton Keynes Hospital NHS Foundation Trust

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