

Covid-19 Visitor Information- Update- 6th December 2021

In order to protect you and our staff, we have taken the difficult to decision to limit footfall within the hospital, and have been observing social distancing on the Kensington Wing throughout the pandemic.

For antenatal appointments including scans, one supporter can be present.

For antenatal inpatient and elective admissions, one supporter may be present.

For labour admissions, one supporter may be present. We are asking all people who wish to have a second support person for labour and birth to get prior authorisation. This is due to local infection rates of the COVID-19 delta variant and new Omicron variant across London boroughs, and the slower uptake of the vaccination programme in London. This is assessed on an exceptional circumstances basis. Please email our administration team with any requests for consideration.

Throughout your care pathway we require:

- You and your support person perform a lateral flow antigen test 24 hours before your routine appointments and continue to complete these twice a week as recommended by NHS England. Your midwife or doctor will ask you to verbally confirm your test result on attendance at your appointment.
- Your supporter to remain outside the ward until you have 'checked in' independently at reception. Your supporter will be invited in by our reception team when safe to do so.
 - Additional seating has been provided outside the ward.
 - Temperature check/ face covering on arrival in hospital.
- Temperature check/health declaration form to be completed by your supporter for entry onto Kensington Wing.
 - Face mask on at all times when staff members are in your room providing care.
 - Remain within your allocated room at all times.

We thank you for your continued support and understanding during this challenging time.