Early Pregnancy Assessment

You have been referred to the Early Pregnancy Assessment Unit (EPAU), because you are experiencing bleeding and / or pain in early pregnancy.

We appreciate that this is a worrying and anxious time for you and we hope to support you as much as we can during this time.

Bleeding and / or pain can be a sign of a significant complication with a pregnancy, however, nearly 50% of women referred to the Early Pregnancy Assessment Unit find that the bleeding / pain will ultimately settle spontaneously and their pregnancy continues without any further problems.

Your Healthcare professional was unable to tell from one consultation today what the likely outcome for your pregnancy was and it may take several visits to be able to give you a definite diagnosis even through Early Pregnancy Assessment Unit.

You will be contacted by Early Pregnancy Assessment Unit on the next working day after your referral has been received and any blood tests that you had taken have been reviewed.

You may be offered an appointment to attend Early Pregnancy Assessment Unit but this appointment will be based on clinical need and may not be on the same day that you are contacted.

A scan may be performed but this is not always necessary, however a scan has no way of preventing or predicting miscarriage.

The Early Pregnancy Assessment Unit is open from Monday to Friday (excluding bank holidays) between 08.30 am – 16.30 pm.

If your bleeding or pain become significantly worse before you hear from Early Pregnancy Assessment Unit, please either attend the Accident & Emergency Department or contact ward F14 on 01284 713235 / 01284 713236.
If you have not heard from the Early Pregnancy Assessment Unit department by the end of the next working day, after your referral, then please contact us on 01284 713143.

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