

Early Pregnancy Scan

Some more information on your scan....

- The primary purpose of your scan is to date your pregnancy, determine well-being and determine if you have a single or multiple pregnancy.
- This scan is available to women over 18 years of age. If you are 16 or 17 years old, you will need a responsible adult with you. We don't scan anyone who is under the age of 16.
- Your scan will last between 5 and 10 minutes. You will receive an Obstetrics Report and one 2D scan picture will be chosen by your sonographer and given to you to take home and keep. Please let us know if you want to purchase more photos?
- All scans are performed by a qualified diagnostic Sonographer. We will pass on your Pre Scan Information to your sonographer before your scan so that they are well prepared.
- As this is an early pregnancy scan it is likely that you will need a vaginal (internal) scan however we will get your consent to this. Please keep a full bladder. If you need an internal scan you will be asked to empty your bladder. You can decline an internal scan (please let us know before your scan) but we may not be able to provide you with all the information that we would normally do.

What are the benefits of having a vaginal scan?

- o The examination will help your sonographer assess you more fully.
- o The scan can be performed if you are having a period or experiencing any vaginal bleeding
- o The scan is more accurate at determining a fetal heartbeat in early pregnancy
- o The scan is more accurate at determining any changes within the lining of the uterus (womb) and at assessing the ovaries and areas closely related structurally and functionally to the uterus.

Images captured minutes apart during the same scan



Some more information about vaginal scans...

- o In order to perform the scan the tip of a narrow ultrasound probe covered with a sheath will be inserted into your vagina. This is a simple and painless procedure and the probe is no bigger than a tampon or a finger.
- o There is a strict cleaning regime for the transvaginal probe and disinfectant is used after every use
- o An internal scan will not harm the pregnancy and definitely won't cause a miscarriage.
- o A transvaginal scan does not hurt. Dignity will be maintained during the procedure.



- We do not confirm the gender of your baby in any of our Early Scans
- We will contact your NHS care provider (unless you have specifically instructed us not to do so) if we need to refer you for further checks

..... If you have any questions please do not hesitate to speak to one of our team