You have been given an appointment to come to the **Urgent Gynaecology Clinic**.

The Urgent Gynaecology Clinic is in the Gynaecology Outpatient Department, on Level 1 of the Women’s Centre at the John Radcliffe Hospital. We are open Monday to Friday, from 8.00am to 2.00pm (excluding weekends and Bank Holidays).

Our telephone number is **01865 221 142**.

Your appointment to attend the Urgent Gynaecology Clinic is:

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At: ............................................................................................................................................................................................................

Please come to reception on Level 1 of the Women’s Centre, with a **full bladder**.

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**What to expect at the clinic**

This clinic sees women who are having bleeding and/or pain in pregnancies of less than 16 weeks, or women with urgent gynaecology problems that cannot wait for a routine gynaecology clinic appointment.

**If you are pregnant** you will be reviewed by a nurse or a doctor and offered an ultrasound scan as soon as possible (usually the same day). When you arrive at the clinic you will be asked to provide a urine sample, so that we can carry out a pregnancy test. There is water available in the clinic, so you can make sure your bladder is still full for the ultrasound scan.

The pregnancy ultrasound scan will include an abdominal ultrasound (when the scan probe is moved over your tummy). You may also have a vaginal ultrasound, with an internal probe that is placed just inside your vagina. This is used to give a clearer picture of what is happening in your pelvis. You will need a **full bladder** for both scans.

If your pregnancy test is negative at the clinic you may not be offered an ultrasound scan.
If you are not pregnant you will be seen and assessed by a doctor, but may not be able to have an ultrasound scan the same day. You may need to have blood tests or an internal clinical examination.

How long will it take?

The length of time your appointment takes will depend on the tests you need to have and whether we have emergency arrivals.

You will need to wait for your scan, if you are having one, and again to see the doctor or the nurse for any scan or blood test results. Please come prepared to spend several hours at the clinic. Please ask if you can eat anything during your appointment stay and we will advise you.

You can bring your partner or a friend with you, to support you during the appointment.

You can also bring a toddler or baby with you, but there are no play or supervision facilities in the clinic.

What to do if you get worse before your appointment

Please contact us if your condition worsens, for example:

- if your bleeding becomes heavier and you are changing your pads more than every 1-2 hours
- if your pain has increased
- if you feel dizzy and unwell.

Tel: **01865 221 142**

This number will connect to the Gynaecology Ward, outside clinic hours. Alternatively you can call your Emergency GP number. Your GP surgery will have a recorded message with emergency numbers for use out-of-hours. If you are feeling very worried, dizzy or unwell please go to your nearest Emergency Department.
If you have a specific requirement, need an interpreter, a document in Easy Read, another language, large print, Braille or audio version, please call 01865 221 473 or email PALS@ouh.nhs.uk

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