

# What to expect at your Termination of Pregnancy Consultation

John Radcliffe Hospital Women's Centre



## What to expect at your appointment at the John Radcliffe Hospital Women's Centre for a Termination of Pregnancy consultation

You have been referred to the NHS Termination of Pregnancy Service at the Women's Centre because, for medical reasons, you cannot be treated by the British Pregnancy Advisory Service (BPAS).

Everything will be done to make sure your appointment and procedure are carried out as quickly and as easily as possible. You can expect to be treated in a kind and courteous manner by all those taking care of you.

You have been given an appointment time early in the morning. When you arrive you will have a repeat ultrasound scan even if you have had one very recently. This is to confirm how many weeks pregnant you are. This is important information to help you and your doctor decide which type of termination to have.

After your scan, you will be seen in the clinic by a doctor and a nurse. You will have a blood test and be offered a vaginal swab to test for chlamydia infection. The alternatives of medical and surgical termination (depending on how many weeks pregnant you are, your medical condition and your preferences) will be discussed with you. You will have plenty of opportunity to ask questions or express concerns. You will be asked to sign consent forms, which will be explained to you. You may need to go for additional tests depending on your medical condition, or have to wait while your case is discussed with the anaesthetic team or surgeon. You will be given written information about the treatment.

**You should expect to spend most of the morning at the Women's Centre.** If you have young children you may bring them with you although you may find it easier to arrange childcare for the morning. You are welcome to bring a friend or family member with you although the doctor will want to see you on your own as well.

**It is extremely unlikely that you will be offered treatment on the same day that you come to the assessment appointment.** No surgical terminations are done on the day of the consultation. All surgical terminations at the John Radcliffe at present are done under general anaesthetic (you will be asleep).

Before you leave the Women's Centre you **will** receive a definite date and time to come back for your treatment.

If you need an interpreter or need a document in another language, large print, Braille or audio version, please call **01865 221473** or email **PALSJR@ouh.nhs.uk**

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