

## Risk Assessment Form

**Name of Assessor:** [REDACTED]

**Post Held:** Operational Lead Midwife

**Department:** OAU

**Date:** 11/06/21

### Subject of Assessment

Re-introduction of visiting in maternity during the COVID-19 Pandemic

The Obstetric assessment Unit (OAU) is situated on the Upper Ground Floor of maternity and consists of a dual aspect of services:

- Providing Antenatal inpatient care 5 Beds (1x Cubicle 4x Bedded bay)
- Providing the Obstetric Triage Service (This is a 24/7 service)

**Cubicle 1** → This is a designated Triage Room kept free at all times to ensure that all patients attending the OAU are triaged in an appropriate time and manner.

**Cubicles 2-5** → These are individual triage rooms

Women are referred to the OAU either via self a referral, Community Midwife, GP, ANC, DAU for a variety of reasons so the acuity of the unit can vary on a daily basis. They are asked to attend on their own, wear a mask and socially distance where possible.

Once admitted to the OAU women are seen in room 1 by an MCA and an initial triage is undertaken (Obs/Urine/Bloods if indicated) FHR by a midwife. Then will be asked to return to the waiting room (if a cubicle is not available). If a cubicle is available then they will be taken into a cubicle have a CTG performed (if indicated) then await an appropriate review either Midwifery or Obstetrician.

On occasions when the acuity on the unit is high women may be asked to return to the waiting room to await review if they are clinically stable, to allow the room to be used for another patient who is of clinical need, so there can be a degree of movement between areas.

Therefore, it is not appropriate for partners to be present when women are in triage, as we share a waiting room with Gynae Outpatients and Colposcopy, there are currently 9 chairs that are in use to ensure social distancing is adhered to.

When all three areas are busy this creates difficulty in providing an appropriate/safe waiting space for patients. Patients are quite often sat in the adjoining corridor on chairs to allow for social distancing, whilst in the hospital all patients are encouraged to wear a mask.

Although exceptions are made and in cases of fetal loss, previous traumatic psychological trauma, exceptional social circumstances, then partners would be allowed to accompany women into the OAU this is at the discretion of the Midwife in charge.

Patients admitted to the in- patient bay have visitors under the current guidelines of allocated visiting times and adhering to PPE and social distancing.

### Risk Matrix

Likelihood x Impact/consequences

Likely x Moderate = **High Risk**

### Practical advice /proposed actions

- Any women or partners with Covid symptoms or positive test will not attend the OAU
- Ensure staff are informed of the current visiting guidance
- Have clear signage for visitors of in patients whilst on OAU
- There will be zero tolerance for those not adhering to the rules

Consequence	Likelihood							
	1 Rare	2 Unlikely	3 Possible	4 Likely	5 Almost certain			
5 Catastrophic	5	10	15	20	25			
4 Major	4	8	12	16	20			
3 Moderate	3	6	9	12	15			
2 Minor	2	4	6	8	10			
1 Negligible	1	2	3	4	5			
							1-3	Low risk
							4-6	Moderate risk
							8-12	High risk
							15-25	Extreme risk