

Risk Assessment Form

Date 11/06/2021

Name of assessor: [REDACTED]

Post Held: Operational Band 7

Department: Midwife Led Unit. UHW

Subject of Assessment: Visiting on the MLU during the Covid 19 pandemic

- The MLU is made up of 4 birthing rooms and 3 post-natal rooms at present. These are single occupancy. Each room has an En suite bathroom.
- The MLU is situated on the ground floor of the maternity unit
- Following a telephone health assessment the women are invited in with a birth partner. He birth partner is asked to wear a mask (unless exempt)
- Partners are able to attend during labour assessments and established labour. If there is a situation where a woman requires or requests admission to the antenatal ward partners will be asked to leave and return once labour has established.
- Following delivery, the women that stay are moved to a post-natal room. Birth partners remain for the immediate post natal period and are then asked to leave.
- Visiting for partners on subsequent days are arranged with the midwife in charge
- All staff entering or providing care in a room wear PPE as per UHB guidance
- All staff, women and partners are advised to socially distance where possible. Birth partners are advised to wear a face covering and adhere to hand washing advice

Risk Matrix

Likelihood x impact/consequences

Possible x moderate = **medium risk**

Practical advice /proposed actions

- All women are offered a Covid swab on admission to the MLU
- Any women or partners with Covid symptoms or positive test will not attend the MLU and be admitted to T2
- Ensure staff are informed of the current visiting guidance
- Have clear signage for visitors
- There will be zero tolerance for those not adhering to the guidance
- Clear guidance to be given to women and partners re precautions whilst in the MLU

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