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Referral to Leeds Fetal Medicine Unit (FMU)

Information for patients



Leeds
Maternity Care

There's a problem on my scan

You have been given this information leaflet because the sonographer has found something on your scan that is of concern. When this happens it can be a very worrying time for both you and your family. You will want to find out as much information as possible about the problem. We see all referrals within 3 working days or at the next specialist clinic.

Whilst it is natural to seek answers quickly, it is also important that staff do not provide information that is inaccurate as this can cause anxiety and be upsetting for you. If your local team are certain of the diagnosis and have the expertise needed to talk to you about this then they may counsel you about the scan findings. If they are not sure of the diagnosis they will advise you to wait until you have been seen in the Fetal Medicine Unit to discuss the scan findings in detail.

What to expect at the fetal medicine unit

The Fetal Medicine Unit at the Leeds General Infirmary is run by a team of specialist doctors and midwives who are there to investigate the cause of unusual ultrasound findings, provide information about these findings and then to support you and answer your questions.

We are usually able to offer appointments within three working days of a new problem being found in a pregnancy and can often arrange appointments more quickly than this.

Your appointment will last between 30-60 minutes, sometimes longer if the problem is complicated or you require an interpreter.

A Fetal Medicine Consultant (or trainee under supervision) will carry out an ultrasound scan of your baby and then talk to you about what they have seen. You may be offered further tests to try to find out exactly what the problem is and/or why your baby has developed the condition. The doctor will talk to you about what choices are available to you and will provide you with information about both the condition and support organisations that might be useful.

Sometimes the doctor in FMU may report that there are no problems on the scan. This does not mean that it was wrong for you to be referred for a second opinion as it is always best to be cautious when things do not look quite right on a scan during pregnancy. We understand that this is a worrying time for you and will do our best to see you promptly. Please do make sure that you ask us to explain things more clearly if you do not understand the information that we have provided and please feel free to telephone or email us if you have questions after you have finished your appointment with us. We look forward to meeting you soon.

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