

If you are unable to attend your scan, please give us as much notice as possible so we can give the appointment to another patient who may be in urgent need of a scan. To reschedule a scan please ring our admin staff - Tel: **0113 39 25322**.

If you are eligible for NHS funded transport due to a medical/mobility issue please contact the Patient Transport Service - Tel: **0300 330 2000**.

If you are medically unfit to travel on public transport your GP may be able to arrange transport to the hospital for you.

If you are able to produce evidence of Income Support, Income Based Job Seekers Allowance, Working Tax Credit, Universal Credit, Current HC2/HC3 Exemption Certificate, or Income Based Employment and Support Allowance, in addition to an attendance voucher from the department and proof of bus/rail tickets, you may be eligible for re-imburement of travel expenses.

On arrival at the hospital

The scan room is located in the antenatal clinic which is directly behind the Clarendon Wing main reception on A-floor. You will be asked some COVID-19 screening questions, and asked to take a seat in our waiting area.

You may be scanned slightly later than your scheduled time if the previous scan overruns, please accept our apologies if so.

If possible please make sure you have a full bladder as this can help our sonographers get a better image of the fetal heart.

If you are going to be late to your scan, please let us know - Tel: 0113 39 25322.

COVID-19 and social distancing

To keep the risk of infection as low as possible, we ask that you come to the scan with no more than one other person where possible.

If you or anyone you live with have experienced any COVID-19 symptoms please do not attend your scan, instead ring us to reschedule your appointment - Tel: **0113 39 25322**.

COVID-19 symptoms include:

- High temperature
- New, continuous cough
- Loss or changes to your sense of smell or taste.

Comments, compliments and complaints

We aim to provide the highest possible standard of healthcare for people using our service. If you have a comment or suggestion to make, or you are dissatisfied with the care provided, please let us know. We will do our best to respond quickly, in accordance with the Trust Policy.

What did you think of your care?

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Fetal Cardiology Unit

Information about your scan



The aim of this leaflet is to give you some information prior to your appointment for a fetal heart scan

Antenatal diagnosis

The reason for your scan is because either:

- Your local hospital suspects a heart problem.
- There were difficulties visualising your baby's heart during your routine scan.
- Your local hospital suspected other abnormalities with your baby.
- There is a family history of heart problems.
- You have a medical condition or are taking medication that could affect a developing baby's heart.

If we do find a problem it means we can make plans for delivery and discuss treatment options well in advance of your baby's birth.

Our scans are usually performed around the 19th to the 21st week, anything earlier than this and we may struggle to get a good quality view of the fetal heart. If you have been given a scan date before your 19th week please get in touch with our admin team - **Tel: 0113 39 25322**.

What is a fetal heart scan?

A fetal heart scan is similar to a normal ultrasound scan. It is non-invasive and completely harmless to you and your baby.

It usually takes up to 30 minutes to complete. If your baby is lying in a difficult position, or if it is a twin pregnancy the scan may take longer! The purpose of the scan is to help us identify any problems with the structure, function or rhythm of your baby's heart. Some discussion may occur between the medical staff during the scan, and you will be given a full explanation once the scan has been completed. We have a counselling room available to discuss the results.

If we do discover a problem we will discuss:

- The precise nature of the heart condition.
- Any treatment that may be needed following delivery.
- The general long term outlook.

You will be given written information about your baby's condition and follow up appointments may be arranged so we can monitor your baby and reassure you. Written information will also be sent to your obstetrician, GP and midwife/antenatal clinic.

The Nurse Specialist Team

The Nurse Specialist Team are available for support and information should you have any questions following the scan. They work closely with the Psychology Team and a referral can be made if you would like further support.

The Nurse Specialist Team -
Tel: 0113 39 25467

The Fetal Heart Service Team

The Fetal Heart Service Team consists of Cardiologists, Sonographers, Cardiac Nurse Specialists and Psychologists.

Leeds General Infirmary is a teaching hospital and sometimes there are staff who are training in clinic. Please do not hesitate to let us know if you would prefer them not to be present during your scan.

Getting to your scan

Your scan will take place in the antenatal clinic at Leeds General Infirmary.

Antenatal Clinic, A-Floor,
Clarendon Wing, Leeds General Infirmary,
Belmont Grove, Leeds LS2 9NS

Nurse Tel: **0113 392 6259**
0113 392 2472

Admin Tel: **0113 392 5322**

Coming by car

If you are coming by car, please allow extra time for finding parking. If there are no spaces at the Clarendon Wing car park you may find a parking space at Woodhouse Lane car park (on Woodhouse Lane, LS2 9JT), The Rose Bowl (on Portland Crescent, LS1 3HB), or at St. George's Crypt (on Great George Street, LS1 3EX).

Coming by train

If you are coming by train, Clarendon Wing is about a 20 minute walk from Leeds station.