

CODE OF CONDUCT FOR OVERNIGHT STAY OF PARTNERS

VISITING TIMES – ONE PARTNER AND OWN CHILDREN 9AM – 9PM

ALL OTHER VISITORS (3 PEOPLE) 3.30PM -4.30PM 6.30PM - 7.30PM

Newborn babies can catch infections, and therefore we ask that anyone who has a cough, sore throat, cold or upset stomach does not visit.

THE FACILITY OF OVERNIGHT STAY IS PROVIDED AS A COURTESY AND CAN BE WITHDRAWN AT ANYTIME AT THE DISCRETION OF THE STAFF TO MAINTAIN PATIENT SAFETY , PRIVACY AND DIGNITY OF ALL OUR PATIENTS

PLEASE NOTE THAT WE ARE ONLY ABLE TO OFFER THIS SERVICE IN A LIMITED CAPACITY, AT PRESENT, INITIALLY IN SIDE ROOMS ONLY, THIS IS TO MAINTAIN THE PRIVACY AND DIGNITY OF ALL OUR PATIENTS.

- The privacy and dignity of all our women is paramount, and must be maintained at all times
- Only one adult/partner may stay overnight
- You must never allow any other visitors on or off the ward. We have a zero tolerance policy to protect our staff and patients.
- If the fire alarm rings you and your partner should stay together with your baby and follow the instructions of staff
- We are not able to provide food, drinks or medication for any partners who wish to stay. Food is available throughout the hospital site, we kindly request that partners then dispose of their own rubbish, to reduce the impact on the ward cleaning staff
- Hospital linen is for the use of mum and baby only.
- Partners must be fully clothed ***at all times*** including footwear. We ask that they keep movement on and off the ward to a minimum.
- Bed curtains are often required to be open to enable staff to observe mum and baby, please ensure that access to the bed area is not obstructed by personal belongings
- Noise should be kept to a minimum overnight and mobile phones kept on silent to enable the women to rest
- Partners may rest in the chair beside the bed. ***Partners should not lie/sit on the beds***, this is to reduce the risk of infection and to allow the women to rest adequately.
- Partners may use the designated guest/visitors toilet only, there are no washing facilities for partners on the ward

- Our unit has security doors at the entrance to the unit, which are required to be locked at all times , to maintain safety and security of our mums and babies, for this reason if you exit the unit after 9pm you will not be permitted to return until the morning.
- UNDER NO CIRCUMSTANCES may alcohol or illegal substances may be consumed on the hospital premises, if it is suspected that a partner is under the influence of either of these they will be asked to leave immediately.
- The hospital operates a zero tolerance policy to abuse towards any member of staff or patients please respect this. Visitors would be asked to leave if they show any signs of aggression to staff or patients

Thank-you for your cooperation with these guidelines

I AGREE TO ADHERE TO THIS CODE OF CONDUCT FOR OVERNIGHT STAY

Signed.....

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