



# Information for women considering Termination of Pregnancy

## Patient information Leaflet

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The Well Woman clinic provides a Termination of Pregnancy service to which you can be referred through the British Pregnancy Advisory Central Booking Service (see phone number below). If you wish to be treated at Tameside, please inform this booking service when you make your appointment.

The staff in The Well Woman clinic is committed to supporting you through the termination if this is the right decision for you. They will take care not to let anyone know about your treatment in The Well Woman clinic unless you give your permission, including your GP. The clinic is a locked area and can only be accessed by speaking with secretary through intercom if name and reason for visit given.

You will initially receive a telephone appointment so that you can discuss your situation including your background physical, mental, social and emotional health. The Health Care professional will establish your pregnancy gestation in numbers of weeks. You will be able to agree a plan for termination treatment with the HCP and be given a date to attend.

When you meet the staff in The Well Woman clinic on the day of your appointment, you may be advised to have

- A scan to work out how many weeks pregnant you are – if you are more than 18 weeks pregnant, then the staff will refer you to the British Pregnancy Advisory Service who will find you a centre that can provide a later termination of pregnancy.
- A self taken vaginal swab to check for a common sexually transmitted infection, Chlamydia & Gonorrhoea which will be treated in The Well Woman clinic or at your local Sexual Health Clinic.
- A blood test to work out your blood group and to check if you are anaemic, and test for blood borne STIs including HIV and Syphilus.
- You can have the start of medical termination treatment on that day or a surgical termination under local anaesthetic (not asleep under general anaesthetic) on that day depending on your gestation and your wishes.

**Surgical termination** – this is when the womb is emptied by the doctor with a small suction straw while you are under local anaesthetic (awake) and can be done in this unit up to 12 weeks of pregnancy. If you choose to have this procedure under local anaesthetic (awake) this can be performed in Well Woman clinic and you will be in the unit for approximately 3 hours.

**Medical termination** – this is a two-stage process that can be provided in this unit up to 18 weeks of pregnancy. The first visit involves taking a tablet on Well Women Clinic which prepares the womb for the second stage. This only takes a few minutes. Occasionally women have some bleeding, but usually nothing happens until the second stage two days later. The second stage tablets can be taken by you at home if you prefer and if you are less than 9 weeks gestation. You may be advised to have

or prefer to have the second stage tablets in WWC so that the staff can look after you and support you during the second and final stage of the termination treatment.

The second stage requires you to insert vaginal tablets and possibly after three hours some tablets by mouth.

Contraceptives can be provided to all women who are looked after by the staff in The Well Woman clinic and a follow-up service is also provided, where necessary, or if requested.

**Telephone numbers**

Central Booking Service (British Pregnancy Advisory Service) - 03457 304 030

Well Woman clinic - 0161 922 4190/6273

If you have any questions you want to ask, you can use this space below to remind you

If you have a visual impairment this leaflet can be made available in bigger print or on audiotape. If you require either of these options please contact the Patient Information Centre on 0161 922 5332

If you require an interpreter, please ask an appropriate person to contact our central booking office between Monday to Friday 8am to 5pm on 0161 922 6991 to arrange this for you.

**語言翻譯及病者支持服務 (LIPS):**

如果閣下需要翻譯員在您的預約當日幫助您的話 請找一名合適的家庭成員 **0161 922 6991** 聯絡本中央預約辦事處來您您安排 我們的辦公時間是星期一至星期五 上午 8 時至下午 5 時

**Językowo Tłumaczeniowa Usługa Pomocy dla Pacjenta (Language, Interpretation and Patient Support Service LIPS):**

Jeśli potrzebujesz pomocy tłumacza w trakcie swojej wizyty, proszę poprosić odpowiedniego członka rodziny o skontaktowanie się z Centralnym Biurem Zamówień (Central Booking Office), w celu zorganizowania tłumacza pomiędzy poniedziałkiem a piątkiem w godzinach od 08:00 - 17:00 pod numerem 0161 922 6991.

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اگر آپ کو اپنی اپائنٹمنٹ کے لئے مترجم کی مدد کی ضرورت ہو تو براہ مہربانی اپنے خاندان کے کسی موزوں فرد سے کہیں کہ وہ ہمارے سنٹرل بنگ آفس سے پیر سے جمعہ 8.00 بجے صبح سے 5.00 بجے شام کے دوران 0161 922 6991 پر فون کر کے اس کا بندوبست کریں۔

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