



Information for women considering Termination of Pregnancy

Patient information Leaflet

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The Well Woman clinic provides an abortion 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 abortion 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.

When you meet the staff in The Well Woman clinic on the day of your appointment, you will spend about two hours there. During that time you will meet both the doctor and one of the nurses to talk about whether abortion is the right decision for you. You will also receive:

- 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 urine test to check for a common sexually transmitted infection, Chlamydia, 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.
- A date for the abortion to take place.

Surgical abortion – 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 2 hours.

Medical abortion – 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 when you come back to Well Women Clinic and receive some vaginal tablets and possibly after three hours some tablets by mouth. During your time on Well Women Clinic you will pass the pregnancy. The nurses are there to support you through this treatment by giving you strong painkillers, your own bed and toilet and any other support you might need.

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) - 0845 345 0161
Well Woman clinic - 0161 922 4190

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

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