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Maternity
Antenatal/Postnatal Ward

**Information For
Partner/Support
Person Staying
Overnight On The
Antenatal/Postnatal
(ANPN) Ward**



Patient Information Leaflet

At Barnsley Hospital ANPN ward we welcome partners/ support person to stay overnight, if there is a specific need and there is a side room available. We recognise that this overnight stay can assist with bonding and reduce stress/ anxiety. We do however recommend that if you are over tired or have any health problems that you do not stay overnight.

We are unable to offer comfort facilities such as a bed or shower due to limited space. We do offer a reclining chair and we will provide a blanket and pillow.

We have a responsibility for the health and safety of everyone present and must comply with Trust policies such as Infection Control, Fire Health & Safety/ wellbeing of mothers and babies.

In view of this partners/support persons staying overnight must agree to the conditions set below in order to stay overnight.

Infection Control

Please use the reclining chair to rest, do not sleep on the bed or floor. Please do not sleep in the bed with your partner. The beds on the ANPN ward are not designed for 2 people.

Dignity

You and your partner should be made aware of NHS requirements to ensure privacy and dignity for all women and staff on the ward.

Partners/support persons must remain clothed at all time; we wish to preserve the privacy and dignity for everyone present on the ward including staff. Please keep movement on the ward to a minimum during the night, not all women have a partner/ support staying with them and may find the presence of strangers around them uncomfortable.

Facilities

There is a visitor's toilet on floor 1 outside the Birthing Centre. Please do not use the showers on the ward. We would advise you to go home if you require a proper rest and a shower.

We do provide partners/ support persons tea and coffee making facilities on the ward (for a small donation) during the night, but we do not provide food. Please see our ward information packs provided for restaurant details.

Partners/supporting person's role

To support women on the ANPN in addition to midwifery care already provided. This can include, nappy changing, feeding support, soothing an unsettled baby and supporting your partner's needs. If you are tired and are hoping for a peaceful night it may be advisable to go home and get some good quality rest.

We would appreciate limited requests for access in and out of the ward overnight; the doorbell is very disruptive to both sleep and providing care for women and babies on the ward. The expectation is that you will remain with your partner throughout the night to support.

Please wear shoes/ non slip slippers, do not walk round with bare feet.

Anyone who is perceived to be under the influence of alcohol or drugs will not be allowed to stay. Swearing, physical and verbal aggression will not be tolerated. We reserve the right to ask partners to leave at any time, should any behaviour be disruptive.

We welcome any feedback or further discussions regarding staying overnight, please see your midwife or ward manager.

If you need this information in an alternative format, please contact the **Patient Experience and Engagement Team** on: **01226 434922**.

Если Вы хотели бы эту информацию на другом языке или другом формате, типа большой печати, пожалуйста звоните 01226 432330

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