

Early pregnancy assessment clinic

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What the service offers

We provide early scans for women who may have a problem with pregnancy, and offer open access to Petter Day Treatment Unit (Petter DTU) afterwards.

Where and when service is provided

We are based on Petter DTU, Ladywell Unit, North Devon District Hospital. The clinic operates Monday to Friday.

How to be referred

You will need to be referred to us by your GP or midwife.

What will happen at the appointment

A nurse and a sonographer will be present in the room.

The nurse will see you first and take a brief medical history.

We will then offer you a scan. An abdominal scan is preferred. However in very early pregnancy, an internal scan will be needed. This is performed by the nurse or the sonographer and the process will be explained to you.

One person can accompany you into the scan room.

Depending on the scan results, you may be offered:

- **open access** to the ward (see below)
- **BHCG monitoring** (see below)
- **a plan in case of miscarriage** (see separate information sheet)

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