

# Maternity Visiting Restrictions for Partners

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Further to your Freedom of Information Act request, please find the Trust's response, in **blue bold text** below:

## **Royal Devon's Eastern FOI Office Response**

1. Does the Trust allow pregnant women to have a partner present at antenatal appointments?

**The Trust does allow pregnant women to have a partner present at antenatal appointments.**

2. Does the Trust allow pregnant women to have a partner present at scans?

**The Trust does allow pregnant women to have a partner present at scans.**

3. Does the Trust allow pregnant women to have a birthing partner present during labour? If so, at what point and how many?

**The Trust allows up to two birthing partners. The birthing partners are permitted during active labour and birth.**

4. Does the Trust allow pregnant women to have a birthing partner present during birth? If so, at what point and how many?

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5. Has the Covid Pandemic resulted in the Trust having to reduce the number of partners present at appointments, scans, labour or birth in the last two years? If so, has this yet returned to pre-pandemic procedure?

**At the start of the pandemic birthing partners were not permitted at antenatal appointments including scans (unless in exceptional circumstances). This was eased to allow partners to attend some specific scan. 1 birth partner can now attend antenatal and scan appointments in both acute and community settings.**

**One birthing partner has always been permitted to attend during active labour and this has now been extended to two.**

**Visitors were not initially permitted on the Ante/Postnatal ward. This eased to allow a visitor during a pre-booked visiting slot.**

**Current restrictions allow one person to visit 9am-8pm, and two people can visit 3pm-8pm, plus any other children the woman has, with no more than two visitors at the bedside (excluding own children).**