

## BabyVision

Terms and Conditions

Please take your time to read through these terms and conditions, it may affect the decision you make to as to whether you'd like to have a private reassurance and/or gender scan.

After you have read these terms and conditions, please sign the consent at the bottom of the next page to say that you agree to our terms.

BabyVision Reassurance and Gender scans are NOT intended to replace or supersede the NHS screening scans offered at 12 and 20 weeks.

- BabyVision reassurance and gender scans are NOT medical examinations and are indented to assist with pre-birth bonding with your unborn baby. If however the Sonographer is concerned for any reason we will recommend you contact your midwife or screening midwife at the earliest opportunity. Within the BANES district we have referral pathways in place should it be required.
- Gender scans are very reliable. At a recent audit at the Royal United Hospitals (RUH), Bath our accuracy in gender determination was calculated at 97% at the 20 week anomaly scan. However, we cannot guarantee the gender of your baby and will not be held responsible for any errors. In addition, results of gender scans are aimed at addressing curiosity, maternal and paternal bonding and for new-born preparations. The results are not to be used for the purposes of gender selection.
- The clarity of the scan and pictures will depend on the position of the baby, the placenta and the amount of fluid around your baby. If the sound has to pass through an increased amount of maternal body tissue (skin, fat and muscle) the pictures may not be as clear.



- We advocate compliance with the Fetal Anomaly Screening Programme (FASP, 2010) and anticipate that clients will have at least two scans as part of it.
- At BabyVision we comply with standards issued by the British Medical Ultrasound Society (BMUS, 2009) which sets guidelines for thermal and mechanical indices and denotes exposure times for obstetric ultrasound. In order to keep thermal indices to a minimum, we follow safety standards and comply with the ALARA (As Low As Reasonably Achievable) principle. We have a responsibility to protect our client's from overexposure and so, our private appointment scan times will be adhered to and no examination will be performed less than 10 days from the previous examination.
- Our scan rooms can be quite snug, and so we have to limit the number of people present in the room. A maximum of 4 people (including mum and the Sonographer) are allowed in the room at one time.
- On occasion, the sonographer will need time to concentrate and so certain distractions may be asked to be removed from the scan room.
- A waiting room is available however the Trust cannot be responsible for any damage, loss of property or injuries incurred.
- Young children must be supervised at all times.
- Multimedia pictures are supplied in jpeg format. The movies supplied are in a Windows Media Video format (wmv). These can be viewed on most computers running Microsoft Windows but unfortunately not Apple products.
- Data Protection Act 1998 Private obstetric scans are appointed using a Radiology database which is utilized for both obstetric and non-obstetric examinations throughout the hospital. As part of an NHS organisation, we hold various types of patient information in a secure and confidential manner. Details about the RUH Data protection policy can be found on our website at www.ruh.nhs.uk/ (RUH, 2016).

- By signing our Terms and Conditions, you are consenting to images of your pregnancy being stored to an external storage device (if purchased / included in a package) and thereafter take responsibility for its security. The RUH will not accept any responsibility for its loss after the appointment.
- We may retain a backup of your ultrasound scan for 1 month. This is so that you can contact us after the appointment and ask for any additional images that may be required. After this time, the images will be deleted in a confidential manner.

If you cancel within 24 hours of your scheduled appointment, no refund will be provided.

I CERTIFY THAT I HAVE READ AND AGREE TO THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS LISTED ABOVE.

Print Name
Signed
Date
Sonographer initials

## References

The British Medical Ultrasound Society (2009) Guidelines for the safe use of diagnostic ultrasound equipment. [online] available from <a href="https://www.bmus.org/static/uploads/resources/BMUS-Safety-Guidelines-2009-revision-FINAL-Nov-2009.pdf">https://www.bmus.org/static/uploads/resources/BMUS-Safety-Guidelines-2009-revision-FINAL-Nov-2009.pdf</a>

Fetal Anomaly Screening Programme (2010) NHS FASP 18+0 to 20+6 weeks Fetal Anomaly Scan National Standards and Guidance for England. Copyright FASP 2010

Royal United Hospital NHS Foundation Trust (2016) Patient Information: Protecting your information. Copyright Royal United Hospital NHS Foundation Trust ref: ING/001

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