

All Wales Antenatal Care Criteria



Women booked by community midwives by 10 + 6 weeks. Additional care needs and recommended antenatal care pathways
Where women are under OLC the initial appointment should be with the named consultant, where possible, to aid efficient care planning

| Pathway A Additional care needs requiring - Obstetric led antenatal care (OLC) | Pathway B Where some level of additional monitoring is required and/or initial Obstetric antenatal care planning. | Pathway C Midwifery-led antenatal care (MLC) |
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| Cardiovascular and medical <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Confirmed cardiac disease Substance Misuse Epilepsy Previous epilepsy Hypertension Malignant Disease Renal disease. | Cardiovascular and medical | Cardiovascular and medical |
| Respiratory conditions <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Asthma requiring oral steroid treatment Asthma requiring in-hospital treatment or an increase in treatment during pregnancy Cystic Fibrosis | Respiratory conditions | Respiratory conditions <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Well controlled Asthma |
| Haematological <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Blood clotting disorders Autoimmune disorders e.g. Systemic Lupus, Antiphospholipid syndrome Haematological – History of sickle-cell, beta thalassaemia Major History of thromboembolic disorders Hb less than 110 g/L at booking or < 105 g/L at 28/40 with no response to oral iron therapy after 4 weeks. Hb < 90 g/L in isolation. Immune thrombocytopenia purpura or platelet count below <150 µ/L at booking or during the course of pregnancy. Von Willebrand's disease Bleeding disorder in the women or her unborn baby Atypical antibodies Jehovah's witness Women scoring 4 on VTE assessment Antenatal thromboprophylaxis administration. | Haematological <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Women scoring 3 on VTE assessment should be offered an obstetric appointment to discuss thrombo-prophylaxis from 28/40. Women scoring 2 on VTE assessment should have discussion around postnatal thrombo prophylaxis this should be prescribed antenatally where accepted. | Haematological <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Hb of <110g/L at booking and <105g/L at 28 weeks require iron therapy and 4 weekly FBC in the community. If not responsive to iron therapy or if Hb<90 g/l at any time or any concerns refer to OLC. |
| Endocrine <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Type 1 and 2 diabetics Gestational diabetic Hyperthyroidism (may present as hypo) Hypothyroidism Women on oral steroids | Endocrine | Endocrine |
| Auto-immune <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Systemic lupus erythematosus, Scleroderma Connective tissue disorders | Auto-immune | Auto-immune |
| Infective <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Hepatitis B or C Carriers of, or infected HIV Toxoplasmosis currently being treated Active infection or chicken pox/rubella Primary episode of genital herpes or recurrent active lesions after 36/40 Tuberculous under treatment COVID positive during pregnancy requiring hospital admission. | Infective <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Current COVID 19 infection Previous baby affected by GBS or diagnosed with GBS this pregnancy. | Infective <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Recurrent episodes of genital herpes, women to be treated by GP with Acyclovir from 36/40 Group B streptococcus in current pregnancy, who decline IPAB (offer NN observation on obstetric unit as per SRC). GBS in last pregnancy; Offer Vaginal/rectal swab 35-37/40. If negative IPAB not required can be MLC for birth. |
| Neurological <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Epilepsy Myasthenia gravis Multiple sclerosis Previous cerebrovascular accident | Neurological | Neurological |
| Gastro-intestinal/Renal <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Liver disease (not obstetric-cholestasis) Abnormal renal functions/known renal disease Crohn's disease or ulcerative colitis | Gastro-intestinal/Renal | Gastro-intestinal/Renal |
| Previous pregnancy <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Previous Molar pregnancy 3 or more consecutive miscarriage Mid trimester (12-22 week) loss Previous HELLP syndrome Baby with neonatal encephalopathy Gestational Diabetes Pre-eclampsia Pre term birth <34/40 Placenta abruption Uterine rupture Pervious caesarean birth Primary PPH 500-999mls requiring additional treatment for uterine atony. Primary PPH ≥1000 mls. Retained placenta Shoulder dystocia Cervical tears 3rd degree tears with ongoing concern or continence issues 4th degree tears | Previous pregnancy <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Previous SGA below 10th centile at birth Previous baby >4.5kg Previous 3rd degree tear with no ongoing concerns around pelvic floor health | Previous pregnancy <ul style="list-style-type: none"> PPH 500-999mls not linked to uterine atony or requiring additional treatment for uterine atony or hypovolaemia (confirmed via previous birth records). |
| Current pregnancy <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Screening anomaly including low PAPP-A (<0.415 MOM) Multiple pregnancy Gestational diabetes Placenta praevia Pre-eclampsia /pregnancy induced hypertension Pre-term pre-labour rupture of membranes APH of placental origin or 2 or more episodes after 24 weeks. Alcohol dependency Maternal age ≥40 at booking Primiparous BMI ≥35 Multiparous BMI ≥40 Eating disorder Grand multiparty, P5 or > Concerns with fetal growth or placental function. Baby with structural/ Chromosomal abnormality Polyhydramnios/Oligohydramnios EFW via USS ≥97th centile on GROW chart. Gestation >41+6 Administering antenatal thromboprophylaxis Breech/malpresentation after 36/40 | Current pregnancy <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Smoker (Serial USS in line with GAP/GROW) Multiparous women BMI 35-39.9 with a previous vaginal birth in accordance with local criteria for serial USS and GDM screen. Recurrent1 Altered Fetal Movement with normal investigations . | Current pregnancy <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Para 4 or < BMI at booking of 30 to 34.9kg/m Maternal age at booking 35-39 inclusive. 2 episodes of AFM, which are more than 3 weeks apart, with normal investigations. EFW >90 <97th centile. 1 episode of PV bleeding of unknown origin >24/40. BMI <18 with no history of eating disorder. |
| Skeletal complications <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Previous fractured pelvis | Skeletal complications <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Spinal Issues (for consideration as to whether this will impact on birth or epidural/spinal anaesthesia). | Skeletal complications |
| Previous gynaecological history <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Myomectomy Hysterotomy Cone biopsy LLETZ x 2 Any uterine perforation resulting from previous STOP or surgery. | Previous gynaecological history <ul style="list-style-type: none"> LLETZ X1 (for review of depth of excision) History of significant cervical excisional event i.e. LLETZ where >10mm depth removed, OR >1 LLETZ procedure carried out OR cone biopsy (knife or laser, typically carried out under general anaesthetic). | Previous gynaecological history |
| Mental health <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Known serious mental health illness such as bi-polar disorder | Mental health <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Women taking psychotropic prescribed by GP (may need additional support plan | Mental health <ul style="list-style-type: none"> History of mental health problems/depression not currently taking medication and stable |

*It is noted that the above is not exhaustive and clinicians should exercise clinical judgment

¹= Definition of recurrent altered fetal movement = at least 2 episodes of altered fetal movements are reported within a 21-day period (All Wales Altered Fetal Movement Guideline, WMNN 2021).