

Divert Criteria for Gwenllian Ward, Bronglais Hospital Guideline

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Summary of document:

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Scope:

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Objectives

The aim of this document will be achieved by the following objective:

- Understanding of the criteria when women are diverted

Divert

Divert does not mean that all women should be diverted elsewhere, individualised care planning is paramount.

Care planning should be individualised and for some women this will require admission to Gwenllian for immediate triage before deciding on-going care plans.

Women who live equidistance or geographically closer to Glangwili should be advised to attend Glangwili Maternity Unit for initial assessment when Bronglais Maternity Unit is on divert.

Life Threatening Emergency

Any woman who contacts Gwenllian with a possible life-threatening emergency including bleeding, severe abdominal pain, worsening symptoms of PET, should be advised to attend Gwenllian ward for assessment regardless of their gestation or individual risk factors.

If the woman is equidistance from both sites, she should be advised to attend GGH in conjunction with the coordinator in GGH.

Reasons for Divert

High Acuity

For example, when two or more women in established labour; unavailability of birthing rooms or the complexity of the clinical condition.

Each clinical situation is unique and should be reviewed on an individual basis, the decision to go on divert should be made in collaboration with the MDT on Gwenllian and the midwifery manager on call.

Baby in the Neonatal Room

Baby in the neonatal room where admission to a neonatal unit is required (e.g. breathing support, extreme prematurity).

Individualised based on clinical picture, discuss with shift coordinators and operation lead during daytime working hours, or manager on call.

Preterm Labour

If in established labour, where admission to the neonatal room will be required following the birth of the baby.

Labour with known fetal complexities

Women planned to birth elsewhere who are admitted in established labour where it is known that admission to a neonatal unit will be required following birth.

Staffing

Minimum staffing not achieved due to sickness/acuity. To be discussed with the operational lead midwife/manager on call.

Other

- Such a major incident effecting the wider organisation (e.g. unavailability of theatres)
- Infrastructure (e.g. no access to theatre via the lift system)

To be discussed with the operational lead midwife/manager on call.

Emergency Admission via Ambulance

WAST

Welsh Ambulance Service will transfer any emergency to the nearest obstetric unit regardless of the Divert status. In these cases, obstetric care should be provided and where appropriate transfer to GGH / a Tertiary Unit made if required.

Accident and Emergency Department (A&E)

Women who self-refer/are transferred by WAST to A&E should have an obstetric review regardless of the Divert status.

Decision for ongoing care planning should be made in the context of the whole clinical picture.

Obstetric care should be provided in the event of a life-threatening emergency.

Audit

To guarantee governance around each episode of divert, please ensure that the Divert Document is completed by following the QR code below

