

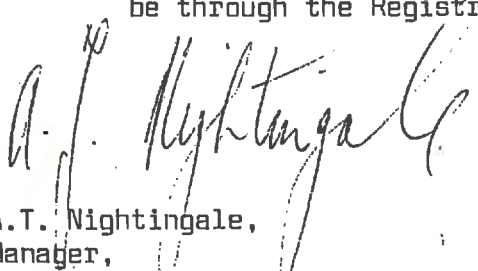
GREEN LANE/NATIONAL WOMEN'S HOSPITAL

POLICY: WOMEN WITH HISTORY OF PREVIOUS CAESAREAN SECTION - SHARED CARE

- 1) All women referred to deliver at this hospital who have had a previous caesarean section, are to be booked under an obstetrician.

The specialist may be a Team Specialist or a private Specialist as the woman chooses; if a private Specialist is chosen (s)he must have agreed to provide antenatal care and be available during labour.

- 2) If a general practitioner wishes to share antenatal care, usual shared care arrangements may exist subject to the Specialist's written consent and statement of any conditions (s)he wishes to apply; this information must also be documented in the patient's hospital record.
- 3) If the general practitioner wishes to participate in intrapartum care, the booking will be made in the Specialists (or Team) and the practitioners' names conjointly.
- 4) In the situation as in (3)
 - a) both Specialist and general practitioner are to be contacted on admission of the woman in labour.
 - b) the Specialist is responsible for management decisions and care in labour.
 - c) within these limitations the general practitioner may be actively involved in labour care.
 - d) in a Team/general practitioner arrangement, the initial consultation must be with the Specialist, but continuing care may be through the Registrar.


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