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POLICY - PATIENTS BOOKED FOR CONFINEMENT AT HOME
GREEN LANE/NATIONAL WOMEN'S HOSPITAL MATERNITY SERVICE

- 1) The woman may have a secondary booking at National Women's Hospital which clearly shows that she is primarily booked for confinement at home.

All the information usually required for hospital booking must be supplied.

- 2) If transfer to hospital is required, the following applies:

- i) The Primary Caregiver (G.P. or Midwife) phones the Charge Midwife of the Delivery Unit taking the calls to arrange admission.
- ii) The Charge Midwife must be informed of the patient's hospital number and the Specialist who will provide consultant cover i.e. whether an arrangement has been made with a private Specialist or with the Team Specialist on duty.
- iii) The Primary Caregiver must contact the Specialist at the time the decision is made to transfer, and discuss the immediate management plan. The woman will remain under primary practitioner care until seen and assessed by the Specialist.
- iv) The Charge Midwife of the Delivery Unit will advise the Specialist of the woman's arrival in Delivery Unit.
- v) A copy of the complete antenatal record and the labour progress record to time of admission must be provided at admission; it will form the basis of the hospital record and be retained in it.
- vi) The mother/baby must be seen and assessed by the designated Specialist on admission to Delivery Unit.

If that Specialist is unable to see and assess the mother/baby within 1/2 hour of her arrival, the Team Specialist on duty must be informed and will see and assess the patient.

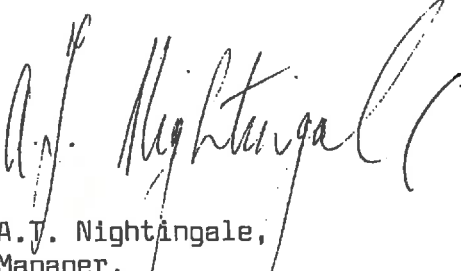
- vii) Responsibility for the continuing care and management of the mother/baby and the plan of care must be decided upon and documented in the patient record by the Specialist.
- viii) If in the Specialist's judgement, care may be continued by the primary practitioner(s) who must hold an Access Agreement, then normal independent care arrangements will apply.

The care provided must reflect the policies, standards and guidelines of Green Lane/National Women's Hospital Maternity service.

- ix) If the judgement is, that the Specialist retain the care, or that care be transferred to the hospital team, then midwife care and responsibility will also transfer to hospital midwifery staff.

In these circumstances the primary practitioner(s) may continue to provide support to the parents.

- x) The mother/baby will remain in the care of hospital midwifery staff until discharge from the hospital service.
- xi) The hospital will provide the mother and the G.P./Midwife each with a copy of the AMSIS computerised patient record, completed to the time of discharge.


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