



## Information for women attending their first ultrasound scan at 10-14 weeks

Enclosed you will find the appointment for your first pregnancy scan in the Women's Centre Ultrasound Department at the John Radcliffe Hospital, or the Radiology Department at the Horton General Hospital.

You are receiving this letter because these are research active hospitals. Pioneering research at Oxford University Hospitals (OUH) is tackling the major healthcare challenges of the 21st Century. The patients we serve benefit from discovery and innovation but also play a vital role in making it happen.

The Health Research Authority Ethics Committee, Hampshire South Central has given approval (REC reference 17/SC/0374; Oxford Growth Restriction Identification Programme - OxGRIP ) for Oxford University Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust to allow the medical records (for example, blood pressure measurements, ultrasound images and measurements, and fetal heart rate traces) of mothers and babies to be used anonymously and confidentially to monitor and improve the quality of the maternity services, and help research into the causes of pregnancy-related problems. If you do not want to be part of this project, please email [clinicalresearchgroup@wrh.ox.ac.uk](mailto:clinicalresearchgroup@wrh.ox.ac.uk).

This and other research studies are supported by the Nuffield Department of Women's and Reproductive Health Clinical Research Group, a team of doctors, midwives, and scientists, based at the University of Oxford, who are working on clinical studies in women's health, pregnancy and growth and development across the first 1000 days of life. If you would like more information on our studies, please visit, [www.wrh.ox.ac.uk/research/CRG](http://www.wrh.ox.ac.uk/research/CRG) or <https://studies.ouh.nhs.uk/home/> email [clinicalresearchgroup@wrh.ox.ac.uk](mailto:clinicalresearchgroup@wrh.ox.ac.uk) or call 01865 221107.

The research team are all suitably trained and hold OUH Honorary Research Contracts, going through the same NHS background checks and mandatory training as all NHS staff. They may look at your medical records to see if you are suitable for a particular study.

At your first scan or via telephone, email or post, a member of the Women's and Reproductive Health Clinical Research Group may ask if you want to know more about additional research studies that the team is conducting.

Please be assured you would always be informed about what the study involves, and you would always be asked to give your consent to participate in any study. Whether you agree to take part in any of our research studies or not this will not change the level of care you will receive. You can change your mind about participating at any time.

Thank you for taking time to read this.

Yours sincerely

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