Your pregnancy with Swansea Bay University Health Board





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CONTACTING US

During your booking appointment, the midwife will discuss your pregnancy and your consent for ultrasound scans and blood tests. To ensure that you understand the choices for screening tests, please follow this link for screening tests in pregnancy, and watch the video on screening tests for Down's, Edwards and Patau's syndromes. It is important that you review this information before your first appointment with your midwife.

If you have a pregnancy-related concern before 20 weeks, please contact your GP or 111 out of hours, as soon as possible, for advice and guidance. You can also find information on common pregnancy-related conditions here or in the Every Child – Parent Resource (Public Health Wales).

If you have a concern after 20 weeks of pregnancy, please contact our Antenatal Assessment Unit on **01792 286111**. To contact your community midwifery team, please ring the on-call number for your team: –

Afan Nedd North South East West

Useful Information

Health In Pregnancy

Eating a nutritious diet and staying active during pregnancy is important for your health, and your baby's development. If you are overweight before or during pregnancy, this increases the risks of you **developing complications**.

Foods to avoid during pregnancy

Vitamins and Supplements in pregnancy

Alcohol

Drinking alcohol during pregnancy increases the risk of miscarriage, premature birth and your baby having a low birthweight. It can also affect your baby after they're born. It is recommended that if you are pregnant or planning to become pregnant you should not drink alcohol. This will keep any risk to your baby to a minimum. Advice and support can be found <u>HERE</u>

Smoking

Smoking in pregnancy is extremely harmful and increases the **risks** to your baby. Quitting is one of the best things you can do to minimise these risks and protect your baby's health during pregnancy and after they are born. For advice and support click **HERE**

Vaccinations

Your immune system alters during pregnancy. This means that you may become unwell more easily and develop certain infections and diseases. To protect you and your baby during your pregnancy, you will be offered vaccinations including; COVID-19, Flu, pertussis (whooping cough). For more information about vaccinations in pregnancy please follow this link <u>Information about vaccinations</u> in pregnancy – Public Health Wales (nhs.wales)

Mental Wellbeing

Everybody can feel overwhelmed by emotions at times, and within the perinatal period, it is no different. In pregnancy, feeling overwhelmed by any emotion may make it harder to feel like you are coping or managing those demands. There is a range of support available, speak to your midwife and maternity team if you feel you need support with your mental health.

Thinking ahead.....

- You may want to start thinking about how you want to **feed** your baby.
- Safe sleeping advice from The Lullaby Trust
- Where will I have my baby? Use <u>this resource</u> to help you make an informed choice.



If you would like to share your experiences and help us shape Maternity Care in Swansea Bay please visit the **Swansea Bay Maternity Voices Partnership** website or the MVP Facebook page.