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**Re: Freedom of Information Request FOI 4998**

We are writing in response to your request submitted under the Freedom of Information Act, received in this office on 20th December 2021.

Your request was as follows:

1. What is your policy related to partners attending routine outpatient appointments and planned scans with pregnant women before birth?

The Walton Centre NHS Foundation Trust is a Specialist Neuroscience Tertiary Care Centre; we do not have a Maternity Unit or provide Anaenatal care, however we do get referred patients who happen to be pregnant. If a pregnant patient wished to bring a partner with them to a face to face appointment because of covid restrictions we would not allow this, in more normal times we would allow a partner to come with them.

2. What is your policy related to partners attending unplanned outpatient appointments and scans with pregnant women before birth?

As per response to question 1.

3. What is your policy related to partners being with pregnant women during any induction of labour?

As per response to question 1.

4. What is your policy related to partners being with pregnant women while giving birth in a delivery suite, antenatal ward or birth centre?

As per response to question 1.

5. What is your policy related to the amount of time partners are able to stay on the antenatal ward/delivery suite and/or birth centre after birth?

As per response to question 1.

6. What is your policy related to partners being with new mothers and their babies on postnatal wards?

As per response to question 1.

7. If partners are allowed on postnatal wards only during certain visiting hours please can you state what these hours are?

[As per response to question 1.](#)

8. What is your policy related to partners being with new mothers and their babies in the newborn intensive care unit? If there are also policies regarding the mother's hours allowed in these units please can you also state these?

[As per response to question 1.](#)

Please see our response above in [blue](#).

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Yours sincerely

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