**Patient - SPA Maternity Referral Instructions to process self-referral for maternity care**

If you have a positive pregnancy test you can now make your own online self-referral for your maternity care, without needing to see a doctor or nurse at the practice.

Our practice is now registered and listed on the online referral portal, so all you need to do to refer for your maternity care is visit the secure link below and provide the information requested. **You’ll need your NHS number and the name of our practice, with which you must be registered.**

The information you provide will be used to process your referral by both the community maternity team assigned to our practice and the booking office of your chosen hospital within Birmingham and Solihull. A copy of your referral will also be shared with us, your GP Practice, for information.

**Your NHS number:**

**GP Practice/ site you are registered with:**

Click on this link or type into your browser using your mobile phone or digital device (laptop/ computer) **https://www.badgernotes.net/SelfReferral/CareLocation/BUMP** it’s quick and easy and will just take a few minutes. This link can also be used to refer a pregnancy on behalf of a woman providing you have her consent.

**IMPORTANT: You need to search for the GP practice site by the POSTCODE in the drop-down list to complete your SPA portal referral. Your referral can only be processed based on the information you provide and can delay your care if incorrect information is provided.**

You’ll be able to select from a number of hospitals to provide your antenatal care and for the birth of your baby; we have a number of birthing facilities:

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| **Hospitals sites include:** | **Review websites for further information** |
| UHB - Good Hope Hospital | <https://hgs.uhb.nhs.uk/good-hope-hospital/> |
| UHB - Birmingham Heartlands Hospital | <https://hgs.uhb.nhs.uk/obstetrics-heartlands-hospital/> |
| Birmingham Women's and Children's Hospital | <https://bwc.nhs.uk/maternity> |

**If you would like to refer to any other hospital then please speak with your community midwife at your first ante-natal booking appointment or contact your GP.**

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| **Useful information: to support you throughout your pregnancy** |
| Information guides on all you need to know about trying for a baby, pregnancy, labour and birth.  [**https://www.nhs.uk/pregnancy/**](https://www.nhs.uk/pregnancy/) |
| The Ask the Midwife – a live zoom session hosted by consultant midwives, Health Visitors and clinical staff to answer questions on pregnancy, birth and caring for your baby.  [**https://yourbump.nhs.uk/ask-the-midwife/**](https://yourbump.nhs.uk/ask-the-midwife/) |
| Maternity Voices Partnership (MVP) a team of people who provide feedback about local maternity systems to a panel of maternity health professionals from service users on co-production to improve services.  [**https://gatewayfs.org/our-work/health-and-wellbeing-services/maternity-voices-partnerships-mvps/**](https://gatewayfs.org/our-work/health-and-wellbeing-services/maternity-voices-partnerships-mvps/) |
| Bump (Birmingham & Solihull United Maternity and Newborn Partnership). Uniting maternity services; in Birmingham and Solihull to improve your maternity experience. Together Bump partners offer you personalised care, with more choice about your care – for both you and your baby.  [**https://yourbump.nhs.uk/**](https://yourbump.nhs.uk/) |

The community midwifery team assigned to your GP Practice will contact you by the time you are **eight to nine weeks pregnant**, however if you do not hear from the team, by then, please contact the midwife directly via the details listed below:

**Community Midwife Office – GHH contact details:**

**0121 424 7698 between 9:30am – 3:30pm Mon-Fri**

One of the team members will contact you once your referral is processed. If you have any technical problems using the web address please email [project.bump@nhs.net](mailto:project.bump@nhs.net).