



**OBSTETRICS AND GYNAECOLOGY  
CLINICAL PRACTICE GUIDELINE**

# Born before arrival (BBA): Admission procedure

<b>Scope (Staff):</b>	WNHS Obstetrics and Gynaecology Directorate staff
<b>Scope (Area):</b>	Obstetrics and Gynaecology Directorate clinical areas at KEMH and OPH

This document should be read in conjunction with this [Disclaimer](#)

## On arrival

On arrival, the woman is transferred to the appropriate area for ongoing care following assessment in the Emergency Centre.

**Notes:** Women booked to birth at:

- Family Birth Centre (FBC) can be admitted directly to the FBC if the Ambulance staff feel this is appropriate after individualised assessment.
- OPH are admitted directly to Birth Suite.

## Mother

### Criteria for admission to the Labour and Birth Suite (LBS)

- Retained or in situ placenta
- Woman's condition is unstable
- **OPH:** All women booked to birth at OPH are admitted directly to Birth Suite

### Criteria for admission to the Postnatal Ward

- Not requiring suturing.
- Third stage complete.
- No excessive vaginal bleeding (blood loss <500ml or no ongoing vaginal bleeding/ trickling).
- Observations are satisfactory.



## Criteria for admission to the FBC

- Woman's condition is stable and she feels well.
- No excessive vaginal bleeding (blood loss <500ml or no ongoing vaginal bleeding/ trickling).

## Baby

Note: See also 'observations' within [Neonatal Care](#) guideline for admission to postnatal ward, e.g. if meconium present at birth.

## Criteria for admission to the LBS

- If the mother is admitted to Labour and Birth Suite.

## Criteria for admission to the Postnatal Ward

- If the mother is admitted to Postnatal Ward and
- Observations are satisfactory. For additional observations required (e.g. for meconium stained liquor, GBS) see also 'observations' within [Neonatal Care](#) guideline.

## Criteria for admission to the FBC

- If the mother is admitted to FBC and
- Observations are within normal limits

## Criteria for admission to the Special Care Nursery (SCN)

- As per [Neonatology guidelines: Admission to NICU KEMH and PCH](#).

## Documentation

1. As per KEMH Clinical Guideline: Obstetrics & Gynaecology, Labour & Birth: **Birth Notification**
2. The midwife caring for the woman, i.e. in Labour and Birth Suite, FBC or the Postnatal Ward, completes the documentation and STORK entry.
3. A midwife shall inspect the placenta (as per WNHS Clinical Guideline Obstetrics & Gynaecology: Labour & Birth: [Third Stage](#)) and include the details in the Labour and Birth Summary (MR230.01 if KEMH) or at OPH MR(OPH)71.
4. Follow relevant guidelines for the placenta; it should be either:
  - a. given to parents to take home (see [Labour: Placenta Being Taken Home: Safe Handling](#)),
  - b. bagged and put into anatomical waste bin on Labour and Birth suite (see [Labour: Third Stage](#)) or
  - c. if meets criteria/requested by medical team sent for histopathology. (see [Labour: Indications for Pathological Examination of a Placenta](#)).









## Related WNHS policies, procedures and guidelines

### Clinical guidelines:

- Obstetrics & Gynaecology:
  - Patient Movement: Admission: Patient admission and booking procedure
  - Labour and Birth: [Birth Notification](#); [Third Stage](#)
  - [Neonatal Care: Observations](#)

CAHS [Neonatology](#): Admission guidelines: [Admission to NICU: KEMH and PCH](#)

[Patient Flow and Bed Management Unit](#) Health point hub page [Intranet access only]:  
[Admission policy](#) and [procedure](#)

Keywords:	Born before arrival, BBA, admission procedure, notification of birth, birth notification		
Document owner:	Obstetrics and Gynaecology Directorate		
Author / Reviewer:	CMC LBS & CMS FBC		
Date first issued:	09/2001		
Reviewed:	(A2.6.5) ; Jan 2009; Oct 2012; July 2015; July 2018; Oct 2021	Next review date:	Oct 2024
Endorsed by:	Obstetrics and Gynaecology Directorate Management Committee [OOS approved with Medical and Nurse Midwife Co directors]	Date:	26/10/2021
NSQHS Standards (v2) applicable:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>  1: Clinical Governance <input type="checkbox"/>  2: Partnering with Consumers <input type="checkbox"/>  3: Preventing and Controlling Healthcare Associated Infection <input type="checkbox"/>  4: Medication Safety	<input type="checkbox"/>  5: Comprehensive Care <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>  6: Communicating for Safety <input type="checkbox"/>  7: Blood Management <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>  8: Recognising and Responding to Acute Deterioration	
<b>Printed or personally saved electronic copies of this document are considered uncontrolled.          Access the current version from WNHS HealthPoint.</b>			

This document can be made available in alternative formats on request for a person with a disability.

© North Metropolitan Health Service 2021

Copyright to this material is vested in the State of Western Australia unless otherwise indicated. Apart from any fair dealing for the purposes of private study, research, criticism or review, as permitted under the provisions of the *Copyright Act 1968*, no part may be reproduced or re-used for any purposes whatsoever without written permission of the State of Western Australia.

[www.nmhs.health.wa.gov.au](http://www.nmhs.health.wa.gov.au)