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Maternity Triage Comparator

'Maternity Triage' is an urgent and emergency assessment area for women in pregnancy, in other units this is often referred to as 'Maternity Assessment' or 'Day Assessment'.

* Required

1. In which hospital trust is your triage department based? *

Surrey and Sussex Healthcare NHS Trust

2. Approximately how many deliveries does your unit have per year? *

4,500

3. What are your triage department's opening hours? *

24 hours per day

4. Do you have any other hospital based assessment / triage services? *

Mark only one.

~~Yes~~ / No

5. If so please describe including opening hours:

6. Do you have stand alone units that assess women? If so please state how many: *

No

7. Do you have a separate maternity telephone advice line? * Mark only one

Yes / ~~No~~

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8. **How many midwives do you have per shift in triage? ***

1 Midwife for the telephone triage service

9. **How many MCAs do you have per shift in triage? ***

None

10. **How many beds do you have in triage? ***

3 located in Delivery Suite during the day, 4 in Antenatal Day Unit overnight

11. **What is the earliest gestation that women can be seen in triage? ***

16/40

12. **The following section contains 23 questions asking whether if deemed appropriate you invite women into Triage with the following conditions. Please select yes; no; or only if self-presents in each case. * Check all that apply.**

	Yes	No	Only if self presents
Abdominal pain	Y		
Reduced fetal movements	Y		
PV bleeding	Y		
Possible SRM	Y		
Painful swollen leg(s)		N	
Shortness of breath		N	
Vomiting and diarrhoea		N	
Hypertension	Y		
Headaches	Y		

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Threatened Pre-term Labour	Y		
Itching	Y		
Flank pain	Y		
Back pain	Y		
Minor trauma		N	
Mental health crisis	Y		
For diabetic review	Y		
For USS review	Y		
Abnormal FH with community midwife		N	
Breast inflammation	Y		
Raised UPCR & bile acids	Y		
Pelvic pain	Y		
Concealed pregnancy	Y		
Hyperemesis		N	

13. Do you have any further comments regarding your answer to the above question?

All women are assessed by the telephone triage service. Depending on their clinical history and current presenting symptoms they may be signposted to different departments such as A&E or the Early Pregnancy Unit (EPU).

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14. Do you have any pre-booked assessments arranged to be seen in your area (select all that apply) *

Check all that apply.

GTT	N
Hypertension follow-up	Y
Follow-up bloods	Y
Admission for steroids and Anti-D	Y
Outpatient induction of labour	N
CTG follow-up	Y
Booked CTG	Y
LSCS pre-admission	Y

Other (please state):

15. Do you have access to formal departmental USS on the day of presentation? * Mark only one option:

Always	
Usually	
Sometimes	Y
Never	

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16. **Can your midwifery triage staff perform USS for the following? *** *Mark only one option per row.*

	Yes	No
Viability		N
Presentation		N
Liquor volume		N
Foetal growth assessment		N

17. **At what gestation do the triage midwives perform speculum examinations for vaginal bleeding? ***

Midwives do not undertake this procedure, only Obstetricians

18. **At what gestation do the triage midwives perform speculum examinations for possible SRM? ***

> 37 weeks gestation

19. **At what gestation do the triage midwives perform speculum examinations for suspected labour? ***

>37/40 weeks. A speculum examination will only be performed if there is a clinical need,

20. **Do you have a doctor(s) dedicated to triage? *** *Mark only one option.*

Yes	
No	N

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21. If you have a doctor(s) dedicated to triage please select grade (please choose all that apply): *Check all that apply.*

Foundation year 1/2	
GP trainee	
Obstetric ST1	
Obstetric ST2	
Registrar	

22. Do you have a formal risk assessment score / triage acuity scoring system? *

No

Yes Skip to question 23. No Skip to question 31.

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23. How many categories does your formal risk assessment have? * *Mark only one option.*

3	
4	
5	
Other	

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24. **Do you ask standardised questions?** * *Mark only one option.*

Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>
No	<input type="checkbox"/>

25. **What are your target times from arrival to initial assessment?** *

26. **Is it a locally devised scheme or used in more than one hospital? If so where else is it used?**

27. **Who performs the initial assessment** *

Midwife band 5	<input type="checkbox"/>
Midwife band 6	<input type="checkbox"/>
Midwife band 7	<input type="checkbox"/>
MCA	<input type="checkbox"/>

28. **Do you use specific care bundles?** * *Mark only one option.*

Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>
No	<input type="checkbox"/>

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29. **Does MEWS (Maternity Early Warning Score) affect the risk assessment score? * Mark only one option.**

Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>
No	<input type="checkbox"/>

30. **If at all possible please attach to the email response the triage acuity score currently in use**

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31. **The aim of this questionnaire is to collate information regarding variation of practice within maternity triage across the country with a view to improve services. Below please enter any further comments which you believe could be useful to us:**

32. **Would your unit be interested in joining a national conversation regarding maternity triage services? If so please enter contact details below:**

Yes

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