

# Keeping your baby safe

## Congratulations on the birth of your baby

This leaflet is designed to inform you of the security measures in place to help keep you and your baby safe during your stay in the Maternity Unit at Saint Mary's Hospital Managed Clinical Services.

## What do parents need to know?

1. Following the birth of your baby, two identification name bands will be generated and placed on your baby's ankle and wrist.
2. Each ward has security doors so that no one can enter or leave without a member of staff opening the doors.
3. You should question unfamiliar persons enquiring about your baby, even if they are wearing hospital uniform, and inform staff immediately.
4. Do not give your baby to anyone you do not know without first checking who they are. All staff should be wearing a Manchester University NHS Foundation Trust photo ID badge.
5. Your baby may require tests to be performed in departments other than the Maternity Unit. If you are uncomfortable or concerned about anyone who requests to take your baby, or if you are unclear why the test or examination is required, check with a midwife on duty. If your baby is going for tests, then you have the right to go too.
6. Never leave your baby unattended. Always inform a member of staff if you are leaving the unit for any reason. This is your responsibility.
7. When leaving or entering the wards, do not let anyone follow you in or out of the ward. In the event that someone follows you onto the ward reception lobby or the ward, please advise a member of staff.

8. Familiarise yourself with the staff on the maternity unit. Be sure you know the midwife assigned to you and your baby.
9. On the postnatal ward we encourage 'rooming in'. This means your baby remains with you throughout your stay. There is no nursery where your baby can stay.
10. Following discharge, do not allow anyone into your home who says they are connected with the hospital without first asking to see their hospital identification badge.
11. Think carefully about what information you put on social media sites.

## **If You Don't Feel Right - Hold On Tight!**