

Information for Patients

Fetal, Neonatologist and Neonatal Surgeons clinic (FANS)

What is the FANS clinic?

The FANS clinic is a dedicated multi-disciplinary team clinic for babies who have been diagnosed with a condition that will require surgery after birth or occasionally whilst in the womb. The clinic has been designed to enable you to meet a member of each speciality team who will be involved in looking after you and your baby in one visit.

Who will be present?

There will be a number of people present at your clinic appointment, outlined below:

- Specialist midwife
- Fetal medicine consultant / senior doctor
- Consultant neonatologist
- Consultant neonatal surgeon
- Neonatal specialist nurse
- Occasionally there may be a student nurse present

What will happen at my appointment?

You will be scanned by a fetal medicine consultant or a senior doctor. The consultant neonatologist and neonatal surgeon may also observe the scan. Occasionally we will discuss the scan findings during the scan, this provides the surgeons with as much detail as possible to help plan ahead for your baby's surgery. Following your scan, we will take you through to a counselling room and the team will discuss the scan findings, what will happen at the birth and what the surgery will involve. We will also provide you with some information about the neonatal unit and if possible give you a tour of the unit. You will be given the opportunity to ask questions. We believe you will benefit from seeing the whole team and there may be more than 5 members of the team at this appointment. Should you wish for less people to be present, please let us know.

How long will my appointment take?

The length of an appointment varies and can take from 30 minutes to 1 hour.

Who can come with me?

Given the nature of the appointment we would recommend bringing 1 person with you for support.