



The Labour Ward

North Manchester

The labour ward at North Manchester is an obstetric unit in the hospital, also known as a delivery suite. The labour ward is found inside North Manchester General hospital.

View our virtual tour of the Labour Ward at North Manchester.
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Who is this birth setting suitable for?

Giving birth on the labour ward at North Manchester may be recommended to pregnant women who need extra support because they have a health condition or problem in their current or previous pregnancy. Also if your baby or babies are expected to need neonatal care straight after birth. For example if they are likely to be born early, then a planned hospital birth may be advised.

How many birth rooms are there and how many have pools?

The labour ward has 11 spacious birth rooms and 1 room has a birthing pool. There is 1 additional room for women with complex obstetric needs. There are 2 obstetric theatres next to the labour ward.



What are the rooms like?

All rooms are set up with various furniture and facilities designed to help you feel calm, safe and in control such as:

- Soft mood lighting and choice of music
- Birthing aids such as birth balls and birth stools
- Private bathroom with toilet and shower facilities
- A bed
- Equipment for midwives to monitor you and your baby
- Essential emergency medication and equipment should it be needed for you or your baby e.g. if your baby requires any support with breathing following birth (resuscitation).



What pain relief is available?

All types of pain relief are available on the labour ward at North Manchester including gas and air, Pethidine or Diamorphine and epidural. For more information about each of these see [pain relief in labour](#).

If you wish to use a pool for pain relief in labour then this is possible but only one room on labour ward has a pool. So if it is already in use, you may not be able to use water in labour. If this is important to you, you may wish to consider a different place of birth where a pool is more likely to be available.



What are the birth statistics for the labour at North Manchester?

Just under 4,000 women give birth at the obstetric unit in North Manchester every year. The planned caesarean (elective) rate is about 11% and the unplanned caesarean (emergency) rate is about 19%. 12% have an instrumental birth (forceps or ventouse). 58% have an unassisted vaginal birth. 34% of women have their labour induced.



Who can be with you and when?

You can have 2 support people with you during your labour and birth. Please refer to the [visiting.policy](#) information for details on postnatal ward visiting.



How do I get there?

North Manchester General Hospital, Delauney's Road, Crumpsall M8 5RB.
Parking is payable onsite.

If you are in labour, you need to come to the 2nd floor via Entrance 1 which is on the right as you enter the hospital grounds from Delauney's Road. The car park for our Maternity Unit is opposite Entrance 1.

Watch the virtual tour to see where you need to go.

What do people who chose this birth place say about it?

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“The care we received was fantastic from the moment we arrived”

“The midwife respected my Jewish faith and understood my customs and beliefs”

“All staff were very conscious on hand washing and mask wearing”

“The doctors and midwives fully informed me of all events and I made decisions jointly”

“Incredible support from all the team. Great experience”



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What if you want more information?

You can talk to your midwife or doctor, see further resources below:

**Obstetric unit in the hospital
Choosing where to have your baby**



Other obstetric units to consider:

**The Central Delivery unit at Saint Mary's Oxford Road
Delivery Suite at Saint Mary's Wythenshawe**