

Weekend Appointments for Gynaecology Outpatients and Outpatient Hysteroscopy

As you are aware, there is currently a significant waiting time for appointments within the NHS - and the Gynaecology Department at Portsmouth Hospitals University NHS Trust is no exception.

Your weekend appointment is part of a large programme of extra capacity that the Trust has invested in, to help us manage our waiting list and see our patients sooner.

Please can we ask that if there are any exceptional circumstances that prevent you attending your appointment, to give us as much notice as possible by contacting us on 02392 681700– this may avoid the appointment being wasted by helping us offer the appointment to another patient who is waiting.

Alternatively, if you feel you no longer require an appointment with Gynaecology, please contact us on the number above so that we may discuss this with you.

When you attend your appointment it is likely that the department will be very busy, due to the large number of weekend appointments we will be running. Please can we offer the following advice to make your visit as smooth as possible:

- The waiting room in Gynaecology Outpatients has limited capacity - please do not arrive in the department any more than five minutes before your appointment
- If at all possible, please avoid bringing extra people to the outpatient department to accompany you to your appointment (unless you require assistance of a carer to attend)
- Gynaecology Outpatients is on D level above the main entrance – if somebody wishes to accompany you to the hospital may we suggest that they wait in the lobby of the hospital main reception where there is a seating area, for you to return from your appointment. Alternatively there is a Costa Coffee located behind the main entrance.

If you are unable to attend on the day of your appointment, please call 02392 286000 and use extension 4232 to advise the department.

Thank you in anticipation of your co-operation in ensuring the best use of our appointments during this very busy time.

With best wishes

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