The Maternity Assessment Unit (MAC) is on the 2nd Floor at Calderdale Royal Hospital, accessed from Lift 5.

We provide emergency care in cases of complications arising in pregnancy and ongoing surveillance for women whose pregnancies require closer monitoring, from 16 weeks of pregnancy. Below 16 weeks please contact your community midwife or the Early Pregnancy Assessment Unit at Calderdale Royal Hospital.

Women from Huddersfield have access to the Antenatal Day Unit at Huddersfield Royal Infirmary between 8.30am - 3.30pm for some complications of pregnancy.

When you have concerns in pregnancy please speak to your community midwife. They can advise you or signpost you to the most appropriate place for additional advice.

The reasons you may be asked to attend MAC include:

- A reduction in your baby’s movements
- Raised blood pressure with or without protein in your urine
- Abdominal pain or bleeding in pregnancy
- Other concerns about pregnancy
- If you have signs of infection related to pregnancy or shortly after the birth of your baby.
- Heavy bleeding following the birth of your baby
- Assessing when you think you are going into labour
- When your waters break

Please contact Calderdale or Huddersfield Birth Centres directly if you are booked to have your baby there, are at full term, and think that your waters have broken or you are in labour.

Where complications arise in pregnancy you may be asked to attend MAC on a regular basis for monitoring and close surveillance of your pregnancy.
What happens when I phone MAC?

When phoning MAC your call will be triaged to assess the most appropriate course of treatment. This may be referral to your GP, community midwife, A&E, invitation to attend MAC or be given advice for self-treatment.

What happens when I arrive in MAC?

On admission to MAC you will be seen by a triage midwife who will assess the reason you have attended and make a plan of what investigations you require, which practitioner is the most appropriate to see you and how urgently you need to be seen. We see patients in clinical priority order. You will then have a thorough assessment by an experienced practitioner. We aim to complete all investigations and examinations within 4 hours of admission.

What shall I bring with me?

Maternity notes
A drink or money for refreshments – we do have a cold water dispenser
Money for car parking
Magazine, book, kindle etc.

What else do I need to know?

Space is limited so we would ask you to just bring one person with you please. If bringing young children try to bring someone to help look after them and something to entertain them as you may be restricted during monitoring or examination – they soon get bored!

You may be asked to wait for the results of investigations, e.g. blood tests which may take up to 2 hours. This is so we can effectively plan your further care.

We are here to help – any questions please ask.

If you have any comments about this leaflet or the service you have received you can contact:

Consultant Obstetrician and Clinical Lead Midwife
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If you would like this information in another format or language contact the above.

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