

HOSPITAL APPOINTMENT TO DISCUSS TERMINATION OF PREGNANCY

“WHAT YOU, THE PATIENT, SHOULD EXPECT”

**(YOUR APPOINTMENT IS FOR DISCUSSION AND EXAMINATION ONLY.
TREATMENT WILL FOLLOW AT THE EARLIEST OPPORTUNITY)**

- You should attend the Women and Children Unit in Forth Valley Royal Hospital and ask for the Gynaecology Department
- You should be prepared to spend most of the afternoon at the clinic
- The appointment is for discussion and examination only on this occasion – the procedure is not usually undertaken at this appointment
- You will be called to the consulting room, on your own, for a scan, to determine how far on in the pregnancy you are. **Please note: a copy of the scan picture will not be made available to you on this occasion.**
- A doctor/nurse will see you on your own initially, you can then be joined by a partner/friend/parent, if you wish
- You will be asked for a brief medical history and will be given an explanation of the different procedures available to you.
- You will be seen by a nurse, who will:
 - explain more about the procedure you have chosen
 - arrange a date and time for the procedure to take place
 - obtain general blood and swab samples. Blood is taken to identify your Blood Group

Blood will also be taken for Syphilis and HIV and swabs will be taken for Chlamydia and Gonorrhoea

- You will be asked to complete a form regarding future contraception. When you attend the clinic, you will be advised if there is no Sexual Health nurse available to see you. An information card will, therefore, be given for you to arrange an appointment.
- If you have opted for a surgical procedure, a date for a pre-operative assessment will be made prior to the date of surgery
- There should be a Counsellor at the clinic for discussion in confidence
- You should expect to be at the clinic for up to four hours

IF, AT ANY POINT DURING OR FOLLOWING DISCUSSION, YOU WISH TO CONTINUE WITH YOUR PREGNANCY, YOU SHOULD DISCUSS THIS WITH THE NURSE OR DOCTOR AT THE CLINIC. YOU WILL THEN BE ADVISED ON THE WAY FORWARD AND GIVEN HELPFUL INFORMATION