Belfast Health and Social Care Trust



Ultrasound Scan Information

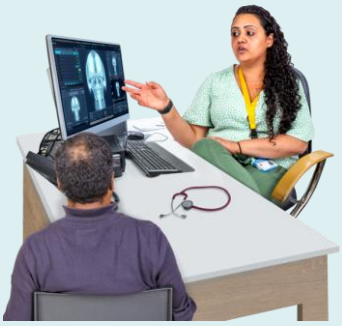
Please read carefully



What is an ultrasound scan?



Ultrasound scans take a picture of the inside of your body.



Ultrasound pictures give doctors information to help them look after you.



Ultrasound scans do not hurt you.

You may feel a little uncomfortable if you do not like to be touched.



The person who does your ultrasound scan is called a **sonographer** or **radiographer**.

How long will the ultrasound take?



The scan will take around 20 minutes.

Are ultrasounds safe?



Ultrasound scans are safe.

Before your ultrasound scan



You might need to do something before your scan. Your appointment letter will tell you what to do.

Keep taking any medication as normal.

When you get to the Ultrasound Department



Go to reception. They will book you in.

Have a seat in the waiting room.



Let us know if you need someone to support you during the scan.

We can give you a chaperone. A chaperone is a staff member who stays with you during the scan.



Sometimes we will ask you to change into a hospital gown.

You can do this in a changing room.



The radiographer or sonographer will ask you if you are happy to have the ultrasound.

You can say yes or no.

You can ask us questions at any time.

During your scan



You will be asked to lie down on a bed.



Gel will be put onto the part of your body being scanned.



A small scanner is moved over the part of your body being scanned.



We may ask you to move during your scan.

After your scan



Wipe the gel off your skin.
Wash it off when you can.

You can get dressed and go home or go back to your ward.

Results



If your GP sent you for your scan
ring your GP 7 to 10 days after your scan to get your results.

If hospital staff sent you for your scan
they will let you know your results.

What we do with your scan



Your ultrasound scan will be kept on our computers.

This means your doctors and other health professionals can look at them.



We might use your ultrasound scan for learning, training or to check how well we work.

Please tell us if you do not want your ultrasound scan to be used.

Questions

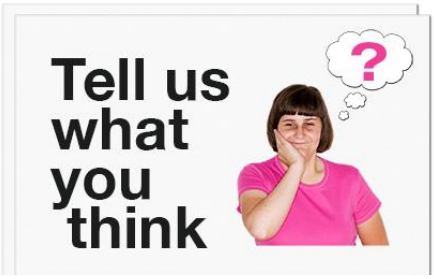


We can answer any questions you have

- when you come in for your scan or
- you can contact the department where your scan is happening

Royal Victoria Hospital	028 961 50971
Belfast City Hospital	028 950 40794
Mater Infirmary Hospital	028 950 41563
Musgrave Park Hospital	028 961 58900

Tell us what you think



Tell us what you think about your Ultrasound experience.

Use the contact information below.



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