

Community Gynaecology Service

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Trans-Vaginal and Trans-Abdominal Ultrasound Scans

Why am I having an ultrasound scan?

You have been referred by your Gynaecologist who has requested a scan for a better understanding of your pelvic organs.

What types of scan will I be having?

There are two scans that can be performed a Trans-Vaginal (TV) or Trans-Abdominal (TA).

For a TA scan lubricating jelly will be applied on the lower abdomen. You will need to drink 2 pints of water 1 hour before your appointment time. Please do not empty your bladder before you have had your scan or informed a member of staff. A TA scan is performed in the first instance.

A TV scan is an internal examination and is done with your bladder empty or partly filled. The test is usually painless, although some women may have mild discomfort from the pressure of the probe. The probe is lubricated and covered with a probe cover for hygiene reasons. Only a small part of the probe is placed into the vagina.

Please tell us if you are allergic to lubricating jelly or latex before the procedure.

You can still attend for these scans if you are bleeding.

How long will the scan take?

The examination takes about 15 minutes.

What will happen after?

You may be seen by a Clinician.

You will be able to drive/go home.