

**MANAGEMENT OF THE OBESE PREGNANT WOMEN ENVIRONMENTAL RISK ASSESSMENT**

**3 YEARLY ASSESSMENT**

**DATE OF ASSESSMENT: June 2011**

**NEXT ASSESSMENT: June 2014**

Documented Environmental Risk Assessment Regarding the **Immediate** Availability of Facilities to care for Pregnant Women with a booking BMI greater than 35 at The Women's Centre

**All women with a documented BMI of 35 or over at booking, are advised to deliver at a Consultant Unit**

- **DELIVERY SUITE (equipment and the safe working load)**

**Circulation Space:** 15 High dependency rooms 25m<sup>2</sup>

**Accessibility:** largest doorway width = 119cm

**All floor space** has a safe working load of 250 Kg

**Bariatric gowns** = 5

**Equipment Storage** = 2 rooms 18m<sup>2</sup> and 20m<sup>2</sup>

**Wide wheel chair with arms that descend allowing for greater width (49cm width)** = 2 (safe working load = 190Kg)

**Large Chairs with arms which descend** = in each delivery room x 15, each have a width of 47 cm with a safe working load of 130kg

**Chairs without arms** x 10 (in the staff room) have a width of 55 cm

**Delivery beds** = 'HillRom' has a safe working load of 227Kg

**Hoist** = 0

**Large blood pressure cuffs** = 6

**Staffing Levels** = 1:32

**Training** = Staff receive annual training in manual handling techniques and use of equipment which would be used for women with obesity

- **OBSTETRIC THEATRE (equipment and safe working load)**

**Circulation Space** = approx 40m<sup>2</sup> -50m<sup>2</sup>

**All floor space** has a safe working load of 250Kg

**Operating Theatre Table** = 3 x 2 tables 'Anetic aid QA4' with a safe working load of 190 Kg, 1 table x 'Eschmann T50' with a safe working load of 300 Kg

**Hover Mattress** = with a safe working load of 544 Kg

**Bariatric Slide Sheets** = immediate accessibility to all sizes

**Large blood Pressure Cuffs** = 6

- **MATERNITY WARD (equipment and safe working load)**

**Circulation space** = 7 x 4 bedroom rooms 45m<sup>2</sup>

**Large chairs with arms which collapse** = 1 measuring 57 cm in width and with a safe working load of 130kg

**Large chairs with arms which are fixed** = by each bed = 50 cm in width maximum

**Chairs in dining room without arms** = 10, measuring 54 cm width

**Ward Bed**= 'Nesbit Evans' bed with a safe working load of 180 kg and the 'HillRom Evolution' with a safe working load of 250Kg

**Large blood pressure Cuffs** = 1

**Wide Wheel chair with arms which collapse (49cm wide)** = 1 (safe working load=190 Kg)

- **ANTENATAL CLINIC (equipment and Safe working load)**

**Weighing scales** = safe working load of 250Kg

**Examination couches** 'Akron Streamline' have a width of 64 cm and a safe working load of 225 Kg

**Large Chairs with arms which collapse**= 6 measuring 57cm in width and have a safe working load of 130kg

**Large blood pressure cuffs** = 4

**Wide wheel chair with arms which collapse (49cm width)** = 1 (safe working load =190Kg)

**Availability and Procurement Process for Maternity Services:-**

Bariatric chairs, bariatric commodes, bariatric gowns, tenor hoist with sling, extra large and extra, extra large disposable slings and extra, extra large sliding sheets, thigh cuffs are all available in and out of hours from the equipment library staff. All members of staff have access to this resource and can contact the library staff on ext 6640 bleep 2244 or involve the portering staff.

In addition, a bariatric bed can be obtained from 'bed stores' with assistance from the porters. These beds can take a safe working load of 353 Kg.

If a piece of equipment is not available the duty lead nurse or delivery suite manager can be contacted in order to arrange hire from elsewhere.