

# CHILDREN ATTENDING SCANS



**We recognise that attending a scan is an important event for you and your partner, but we would respectfully request that you avoid bringing children along for the following reasons:**

- ❖ A scan is a clinical examination to check the health of your baby and exclude abnormalities. The sonographer needs full concentration to ensure optimum assessment of your baby.
- ❖ Children often find scans boring or upsetting because 90% of the pictures on the screen are sectional images of the baby's anatomy and do not make sense to a child's eyes.
- ❖ If your child is upset or bored, the sonographer's concentration may be affected and you and your partner will not be able to enjoy the scan.
- ❖ On the rare occasion that a problem is suspected, the presence of a child is very distressing for all concerned.

**We do understand that lack of childcare may occasionally mean that bringing a child is unavoidable.**