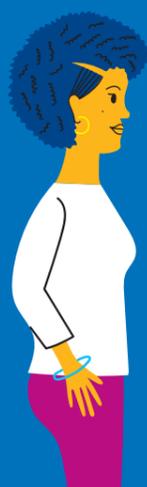


## The role of the Maternity Support Worker during your pregnancy

Maternity Support Workers (MSWs) provide personal care to women, birthing people and babies. MSWs support midwives to provide care in pregnancy, around the time of birth and in the postnatal period



### 12 weeks

At your 12 week scan, you will see an MSW who will take bloods, undertake your height and weight, complete your screening and discuss pregnancy vaccinations



### 16 weeks

If you opt for quadruple screening, an MSW will be running this clinic



### 16 - 42 weeks

If you attend any antenatal clinic, day assessment or maternity assessment clinics at the hospitals, an MSW will undertake carbon monoxide readings, take bloods, test urine, take your blood pressure, help book your caesarean section or induction, take swabs, and generally support you throughout your appointment.

If you live in Gloucester, you may have an MSW attached to your community midwifery team. They will take carbon monoxide readings, take bloods, test urine, take blood pressure readings, facilitate your antenatal education sessions and discuss pregnancy vaccinations



### Triage

If you attend triage at any stage in your pregnancy, an MSW may take your blood pressure, test urine, take bloods and generally assist you throughout your appointment



### Staying in hospital antenatally

If you are admitted to hospital at any time during your pregnancy, an MSW will be working alongside the midwife to meet all of your needs

### Around time of birth

When you come to hospital to have your baby, an MSW will help to welcome you to the room, perform observations, and work alongside the midwife to meet all of your needs



### At home with baby

The MSW will visit you at home to undertake hearing screening, monitor your baby's weight and support you with any aspects of care needed

### After your baby is born

Soon after the birth of your baby, an MSW will be on hand to help you to shower and change, to assist you with going to the toilet and help you to feed your baby. Alongside the midwife, they may weigh your baby and undertake any observations needed.

If you stay in hospital for a few days, the MSW will be supporting the midwife to provide lots of your care, including helping you to feed your baby, assist with personal care, undertake observations, take bloods from you or your baby as needed

