How to comment on service

We would like to improve our services - please help us by advising us of:

**Compliments or Complaints**
If you wish to compliment or complain about a department or service, please *either:*
* Request to see the staff member in charge, or
* Telephone the Compliments / Complaints line.

**Free call — 1800 008 001** or write to -

**Patient Advice and Liaison Service (PALS)**
Launceston General Hospital
PO Box 1963, Launceston, Tasmania 7250

This information sheet has been prepared by staff at the Launceston General Hospital to assist you with queries related to: **your pregnancy care options.**
If you have any concerns about your pregnancy, please contact your midwife, antenatal clinic, general practitioner, private obstetrician or other health professional as advised.

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Midwifery Group Practice
This is a **new service** where the same midwife (or backup midwife) cares for you:
- Mainly in the community and at home before you have your baby.
- Joins you at the hospital when you come in to have your baby.
- Provides early discharge care so you can go home as soon as you and your baby are well (after four hours).
- Provides follow up care at home for up to two weeks.
This service is available in Beaconsfield, George Town, Ravenswood, Kings Meadows, Longford and the Northern Integrated Care Unit (next to the Launceston General Hospital).

Young Mums Clinic
If you are 15–22 years of age or younger, join midwives in this clinic which is designed just for you.

Team Midwifery
You will meet a team of midwives who will care for you during your pregnancy, birth and during your postnatal stay.

Community Midwifery Clinics
You can have your pregnancy care near to where you live and come into hospital to have your baby.
Community Midwifery clinics are available at:
- Beaconsfield, Deloraine, St Helens and George Town Hospitals.
- St Marys Community Health Centre and Ravenswood Child and Family Centre.
- If you are Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander you can also be seen at the Ravenswood Child and Family Centre or the Tasmanian Aboriginal Centre, 182 Charles St. Launceston.

Midwives Clinic
Midwives from the antenatal clinic will care for you during your pregnancy. Midwives in the birth suite and the postnatal unit will care for when you are having your baby and afterwards.

Doctors Specialist Clinic
This clinic is for women who:
- Are having twins or more, or
- Have a medical condition that requires close monitoring i.e. diabetes.

Share Care with your General Practitioner
Your family doctor, in consultation with hospital midwives and doctors, will care for you. You will have an initial booking in appointment and a 36 weeks doctor’s clinic appointment at the antenatal clinic. You may consider attending antenatal classes or book for a group maternity tour, if this is your option for care. When you come into hospital to have your baby you will be cared for by hospital midwives and doctors.

Private Obstetric Care
If you want to see a specialist pregnancy doctor you can make your own arrangements to be cared for by a private obstetrician. You are responsible for costs and need to check with your health fund what is covered. Your private obstetrician and the midwives at the hospital will care for you when you come in to have your baby.

Phone the **Antenatal Clinic on (03) 6348 8980** if you would like more information on any of these pregnancy care options.