

Fetal Sexing Policy

Dear Patient,

Welcome to the L&D University Hospital's maternity ultrasound department. The purpose of this letter is to inform you of the hospital's fetal sexing policy.

Pregnant women who attend our maternity ultrasound department for a 20 weeks anomaly scan are able to ask the sonographer for an opinion on the gender (sex) of the fetus. I need to remind you that information about the gender of the fetus is based on a professional judgement and is therefore not 100% accurate or always achievable due to the positioning of the fetus at the time of the scan. Written confirmation will not be provided at the request of the patient.

Please keep in mind that the purpose of the 20 weeks anomaly scan is a structural examination of your baby to enable clinicians to consider whether additional support or advice may be required. We will make every effort to answer any questions you may have including information about the gender of your expectant baby. However, I would request that, in the event of the fetus not lying in a position that enables the sonographer to see the gender, that you do not pressure the sonographer in any way. If for technical reasons, e.g. an unfavourable position of the fetus, we cannot give an opinion on the sex of the baby during the 20 weeks scan there will be no further opportunity to indicate the likely sex of the baby during the remainder of the pregnancy.

Yours Faithfully

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