

Maternity Services

Different types of services for the birth of a baby

There are a number of different types of service for women to think about when they are making decisions about where to give birth.

Consultant unit (sometimes called an obstetric unit)



Where there are both doctors (obstetricians) and midwives available. Obstetricians are doctors who specialise in pregnancies and births where there are complications. Obstetric units offer epidural pain relief, and have an operating theatre nearby in case a baby needs to be delivered by caesarean section.

