

Chaperone Information for Patients

Your Comfort and Dignity Are Our Priority

At [Clinic Name], we are committed to ensuring that all patients feel safe, respected, and supported during their care. You are entitled to have a chaperone present during any medical examination, procedure, or consultation if you wish.

What Is a Chaperone?

A chaperone is a trained member of staff who is present during a consultation or examination for the purpose of:

- Providing emotional comfort and reassurance.
- Supporting and protecting your dignity.
- Assisting with the examination if necessary.
- Offering a witness to both the patient and the clinician during intimate or sensitive procedures.

When Can I Request a Chaperone?

You may request a chaperone at any time, especially during:

- Physical or intimate examinations.
- Procedures involving undressing.
- When you feel unsure, vulnerable, or anxious.

Please inform the receptionist or clinician in advance if you would like a chaperone, so we can arrange this for you.

Who Will Act as a Chaperone?

Our chaperones are clinical or trained non-clinical staff who understand their responsibilities and will always:

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- Respect your privacy and confidentiality.
- Be sensitive and discreet.
- Explain their role and obtain your consent to be present.

If a suitable chaperone is not immediately available, we may need to rearrange your appointment.

Declining a Chaperone

You are not required to have a chaperone. If you prefer to be seen without one, this will be respected. Similarly, if you would prefer to bring a friend or family member instead, please let us know.

Your Rights

- You may stop an examination or ask for a different clinician at any time.
- You may request a same-sex chaperone or clinician where possible.
- You can ask any questions about your care or the chaperone process.

Contact Us

If you would like more information or have any concerns, please contact us at:

Phone: [Clinic Phone Number]

Email: [Clinic Email Address]

Website: [Clinic Website]