



## Promoting early self-referral using Hospital's website

We have introduced a [new self-referral form which can be accessed by clicking here](#). pregnant women wishing to book for maternity care can refer themselves by completing the form online at [www.ldh.nhs.uk](http://www.ldh.nhs.uk)

The Community Midwife (attached to the woman's GP surgery) will receive the referral within a couple of days. She will contact the mother within ten days to arrange her booking, scans and screening tests.

We hope this new service will reduce the number of General practitioner (GP) appointments that are taken up by women who did not realise that they do not need to see a GP to be referred to a midwife.

"Early Self-Referral" will ensure that women are given the opportunity to access Antenatal Screening tests at the optimum time for testing. Any questions contact the Antenatal and New born Screening Manager on 01582 497962 or 07714064377