

Standard Operating Procedure: Pop Up Day Assessment Unit

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1. Introduction and overarching policy/guideline

A Maternity Day Assessment Unit (DAU) will typically provide an additional means of assessment for pregnant women and people with concerns in pregnancy. Historically, at Leicester Hospitals' Maternity Department, these service users were seen in our Maternity Assessment Unit. However, this has a direct impact on those pregnant women and people who have acute obstetric problems. Our long-term plan will be to have a permanent DAU.

There are specific situations where a DAU is required to provide safe care and assessment for service users and their pregnancy. The intention of this document is to provide guidance for a pregnancy day assessment unit which can be set up quickly in the short term when operational escalation levels indicate the need for this service in a temporary location. This will be referred to as a 'Pop up DAU'.

Overarching documents;

[Maternity Assessment Unit UHL Obstetric Guideline](#)

[Induction and Augmentation of Labour UHL Obstetric Guideline](#)

Associated guidelines:

[Escalation Process for Women Experiencing Delays for Induction of Labour Interim SOP](#)

[UHL Maternity Guideline](#)

Stakeholders (including but not limited to)

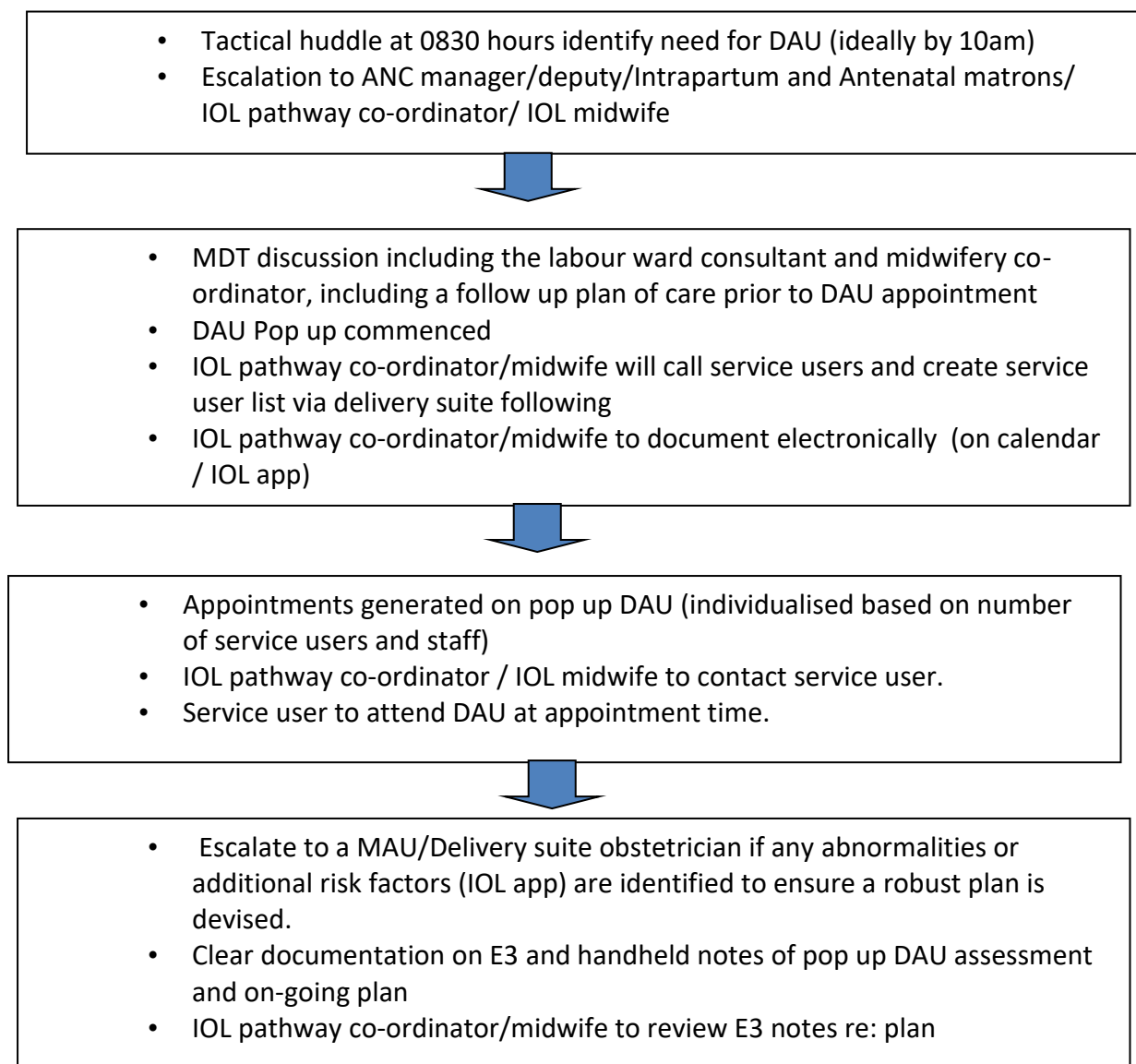
- Consultant Obstetrician (labour ward lead/ HOS/ Hot day and MAU Consultant)
- IOL Pathway Co-ordinator
- Senior Midwives – (Clinical and managerial for delivery suite and antenatal services e.g. Band 7 Co-ordinator, ward managers, intrapartum and antenatal matrons, IOL midwives
- Operational manager)

2. Triggers

A significant increase in the number of service users being offered and accepting an induction of labour has the potential to create delays in the induction process. This 'pop up DAU' is mainly to triage and assess our outpatient service users who are experiencing delays in the induction of labour process.

3. Procedure

- The pop-up Antenatal Day Assessment Unit will carry out antenatal assessments and CTG's on delayed inductions of labour to ensure service users reassurance and to complete an antenatal assessment. The unit will also carry out any necessary Ferinject Infusion with a pre bookable service.
- As this is a pop-up unit the activity will be absorbed by the current Antenatal Service staff, however to future proof this service we will need to increase antenatal service staffing levels.
- The maternity unit will escalate through the daily tactical huddle at 08:30 hours, please see flowchart below.



Actions to be taken: -

- Audit of activity
- Record of activity within Pop Up DAU
- Risk assessment
- Ongoing review of activity
- Good efficient communication between departments

4. Monitoring Compliance

What will be measured to monitor compliance	How will compliance be monitored	Monitoring Lead	Frequency	Reporting arrangements
Frequency of pop-up DAU/Documentation on E3/ Risk assessment on IOL app	IOL calendar/IOL app	Antenatal matron/manger	Monthly	
Case reviews where admission required to delivery suite after DAU assessment		Antenatal matron/manager	Monthly	

5. Education & Training

None

6. Supporting References

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7. Key Words

Day Assessment Unit, DAU, Maternity Day Assessment Unit, MDAU, Maternity Pop-Up unit

The Trust recognises the diversity of the local community it serves. Our aim therefore is to provide a safe environment free from discrimination and treat all individuals fairly with dignity and appropriately according to their needs.

As part of its development, this policy and its impact on equality have been reviewed and no detriment was identified.

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