



Routine 20 week ‘anomaly’ scan not completed after two attempts: Information for women and birthing people

You have attended the Maternity Ultrasound for a second attempt of the routine 20 week ‘anomaly’ scan; however, it has not been possible to complete this examination in full.

Why have I been given this leaflet?

The sonographer has been unable to complete your routine 20 week ‘anomaly’ scan in full after two attempts. This does not necessarily mean that there is a problem with your baby, it simply means that the sonographer was unable to examine all the parts of your baby that we routinely try to examine during this scan. The image quality of the scans may have been affected by any of the following:

- maternal body mass index (BMI)
- uterine fibroids
- abdominal scarring
- baby or babies in a position that blocks certain views

In keeping with the national NHS Fetal Anomaly Screening Programme (FASP) and regional guidelines, no further anomaly scan will be offered. However, your baby will be examined after birth by a paediatrician, before being discharged home. An extra oxygen saturation check before discharge will be done on babies whose heart examination could not be completed.

Further questions

If you have any further questions and/or would like to speak with the fetal medicine midwives, then please call the team on **07768 752563**. You may also wish to refer to Antenatal Results and Choices (ARC) 0207 631 0285 or <http://www.arc-uk.org>

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Please ask if you need this information in another language or format.

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Our Maternity Strategy and Vision

'Working together with women, birthing people and families to offer compassionate, supportive care and informed choice; striving for equity and excellence in our maternity service.'

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