

# Maternity Services

We're here for you from the very start of your pregnancy through to the birth of your baby and beyond.



## Immunisations for pregnant women and newborn

Influenza, Whooping Cough and TB can be very dangerous for pregnant mums and their unborn babies. We offer the 'flu and pertussis (whooping cough) vaccinations to all women who receive their maternity care at the Whittington; and BCG vaccinations to all their babies here.

### Dangers to Baby

- Premature birth • Low birth weight
- Miscarriage • Stillbirth
- Neonatal death

14 babies aged less than 3 months old died in 2012 - this is decreasing with the introduction of vaccination.

### Dangers to Mum

- Changes to your immunity means you are vulnerable to complications such as pneumonia
- Flu can make existing conditions worse resulting in a stay in hospital or even death
- 36 pregnant women died from influenza in the last 3 years



To arrange an appointment For the Flu or Whooping cough vaccination please

- Tel: 0208 288 3482 or 0208 288 3483
- Contact your Midwife or your GP

**Pregnant mums to be:**  
Protect yourself and your by having your vaccination here today!