

You will normally receive your first appointment, which is called the **'booking'** by the time you are 8-12 weeks pregnant. More information about this appointment can be found on page 13.

As your pregnancy progresses, you may have appointments at the hospital, in local children's centres, at your GP surgery and occasionally at home (particularly after birth).

After your baby is born and you are at home, you will always receive postnatal care from midwives associated with your closest maternity unit. If you are **thinking about a homebirth**, you will need to book your pregnancy at your closest maternity unit so that local midwives can provide you with care in labour at your home.

Some women choose to have private (paid for) maternity care through either an independent midwife or an obstetric consultant.

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### For more information visit:

- **Which**  
[www.which.co.uk/birth-choice/maternity-care/private-maternityhospitals-and-facilities](http://www.which.co.uk/birth-choice/maternity-care/private-maternityhospitals-and-facilities)

