

4 October 2018

Important message for expectant mothers

Wairarapa Maternity Services will have limited cover available
8am Friday 5th October – 8am Saturday 6th October

For a 24 hour period from 8am Friday, Wairarapa Maternity Services will be providing primary birthing and midwifery care ONLY.

Your safety and that of your baby is our primary concern. If you are to go into labour before Saturday morning, it may be necessary for you to attend Hutt Valley or Capital and Coast Hospital to give birth.

Arrangements have been made with both hospitals to provide care for you, if your maternity carer thinks you may require specialist care. Your LMC is welcome to accompany you as required.

What does this mean for you?

- If you are expecting an uncomplicated birth, you may attend Wairarapa Hospital
- No epidurals, augmentations, inductions etc will be undertaken in Wairarapa during this time
- If you are thought to require any secondary care you will be asked to go directly to Hutt Valley DHB
- Your LMC knows to escalate any concerns to Hutt Valley DHB and will guide you through this

You and your baby's safety is important to us and we have put processes in place to support your LMC to ensure you will be well looked after during this temporary period of limited specialist cover. Your LMC will be able to discuss any concerns you may have.

Kind regards

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