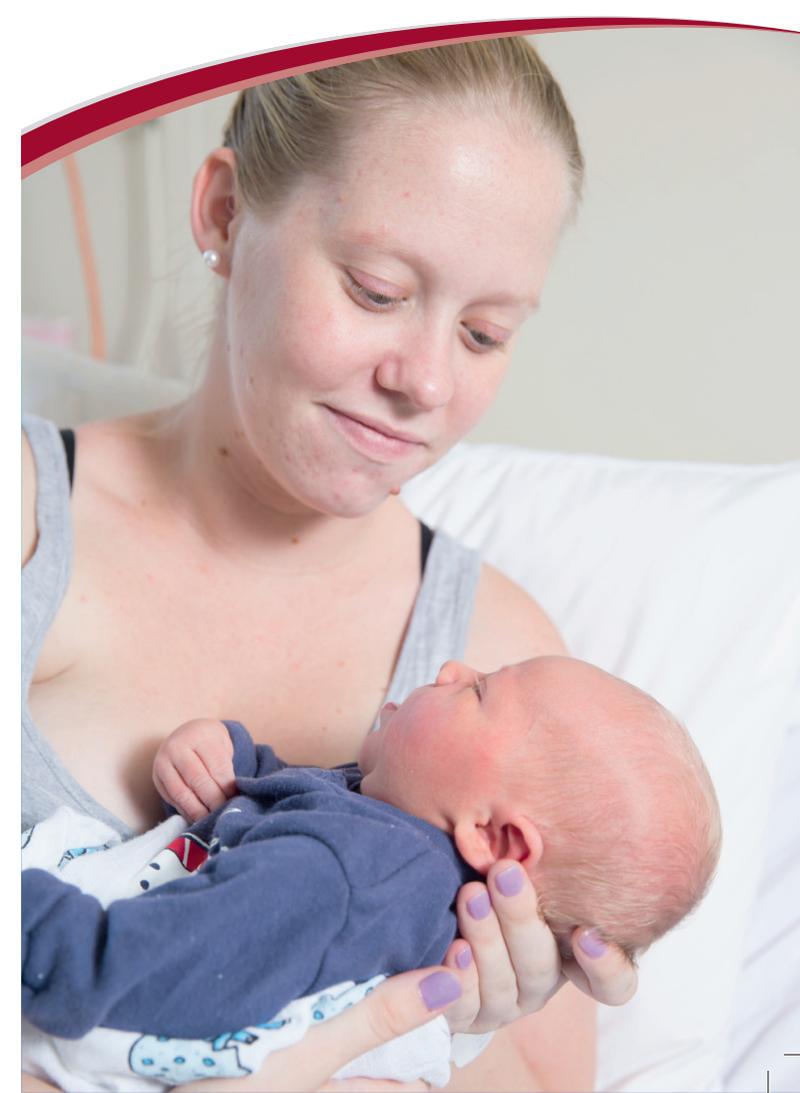




Social Work at Osborne Park Hospital

Antenatal Outpatients Clinic



Social Workers:

Phone: _____

Postal address:

Antenatal Outpatients Clinic
Osborne Park Hospital
Osborne Place
Stirling WA 6021

Osborne Park Hospital is a smoke-free site.

As per State Government policy, Osborne Park Hospital has been a smoke-free site since 1 January 2008. Smoking by patients, visitors and staff is not permitted anywhere on the Osborne Park Hospital campus.



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Should you wish to contact a Social Worker you may:

- See the Social Worker on duty when you are attending antenatal clinic appointments.
- Make an appointment by phoning (08) 9346 8165.
- Request contact with the Social Worker while you are on the ward.

The Social Work office is located in the Antenatal Outpatients Clinic where you attend your antenatal appointments.





What do Social Workers do?

Social Workers are available to patients and their families who attend the Women's and Newborn Services at Osborne Park Hospital to manage the practical, personal or emotional issues that can arise.

This service is available throughout your pregnancy and for six weeks after the birth.

Our services are free and confidential.

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We provide:

- **Information** and advice about services available in your community.
- **Counselling** to clarify difficulties and options to improve your coping skills.
- **Referral** to services and resources in the Hospital and also in the community.
- **Liaison** and advocacy within the Hospital and with community services for when you go home.

All Social Workers employed through the Department of Health WA have completed a four year university degree (Bachelor of Social Work), and are governed by a Code of Ethics. They are trained to assist you and your family to cope with illness, pregnancy and any life crisis.

Some of the issues you may wish to discuss with a Social Worker include:

- Emotional support during adjustment to pregnancy and parenthood.
- Relationship issues.
- Practical and financial issues.
- Information about community resources, including legal concerns.
- Planning and options for assistance after the baby is born.
- Substance use issues.