Combined Cardiac Obstetric Clinic
Meet the team

Rachael James  Consultant Cardiologist
Vanessa Fludder  Consultant Anaesthetist
Mike Lewis  Consultant Cardiac Surgeon
Tony Kelly  Consultant Obstetrician

Arpita Ghosh  Obstetric Registrar
Katy Tibble  Midwife
Martine McGuire  Cardiac Nurse
Sharon Norris  Booking Clerk
What is it?
The combined cardiac obstetric clinic involves a cardiologist, anaesthetist, obstetrician, midwife and sometimes a cardiac surgeon if required. The clinic is an effective way of assessing you and allows the team to review you together.

Why have you been referred?
You have been referred because you have a heart condition and are pregnant or because you have a heart condition and are planning to become pregnant (pre-pregnancy counselling).

What can I expect?
The doctors will talk to you about your health, your heart condition and how your pregnancy is progressing. Many women will have an echocardiogram (ultrasound scan of your heart) before the appointment and the results will be discussed.

You will be examined and you may have a scan of your baby to check the growth. When women are near their due date, plans for delivery are discussed and documented.

Where is the clinic?
The clinic is held at Lower Ground Floor, Sussex House, Abbey Road, Brighton, BN2 1ES

If you require an echocardiogram (ultrasound scan of your heart) or ECG (electrical recording of the heart) before your appointment, these will be undertaken in the Cardiac Department, located in the Barry building.

What should I bring?
It is important you bring your hand-held pregnancy notes.