

NHS Trust	UHBristol/ WAHT/NBT	University Hospitals Bristol NHS Foundation Trust		Weston Area Health NHS Trust	North Bristol NHS Trust		
Place of birth	Home birth	St Michael's Delivery Suite	St Michael's Midwife-led Unit	Ashcombe Birth Centre	Southmead Delivery Suite	Mendip Birth Centre	Cossham Birth Centre
Type of unit	N/A	Consultant-led Unit	Alongside Midwife-led Unit	Freestanding Midwife-led Unit	Consultant-led Unit	Alongside Midwife-led Unit	Freestanding Midwife-led Unit
National guideline recommendations in NICE Guideline CG 190 - Care of healthy women and their babies during childbirth, 2014	Particularly suitable for women at low risk of complications * who have had a baby before	Particularly suitable for women with certain conditions or if a problem develops during pregnancy or labour **	Particularly suitable for women at low risk of complications *	Particularly suitable for women at low risk of complications *	Particularly suitable for women with certain conditions or if a problem develops during pregnancy or labour **	Particularly suitable for women at low risk of complications *	Particularly suitable for women at low risk of complications *
Number of birth rooms	N/A	13 rooms 14 beds	4	2	12	3	4
En-suite bathrooms	N/A	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Birth pool available	Can be hired	Yes (in 1 room)	Yes (in 2 out of 4 rooms)	Yes (in 1 room; other room has large bath for use in labour)	Yes (in 1 room)	Yes (in 2 out of 3 rooms)	Yes (in all rooms)
Epidural available	No	Yes	No	No	Yes	No	No
Pethidine available	Not routinely	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Entonox ('gas and air') available	Midwife will bring	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
TENS available for use	Hire your own (via Community Midwives if UHB)	Hired via Community Midwives	Hired via Community Midwives	Hire your own	Hire your own	Hire your own	Hire your own
Some staff trained in aromatherapy	Depends on unit	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Birth mats, balls and bean bags available	Improvise with what you have/ make or buy	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Birth stool available		No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Bed in room	Your own bed	Single adjustable bed	2 rooms with adjustable double bed; 2 with mats and beanbags (bed available on request)	Birthing bed in one room, birth couch in the other room	Single adjustable bed - but can be removed on request	2 rooms with adjustable double bed; 1 with mats and beanbags	Double adjustable bed in every room
Midwife-led care for women at low risk of complications	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Electronic fetal monitoring available if a reason to monitor develops ***	No (would need transfer to consultant-led unit)	Yes	No (would need transfer to Delivery Suite)	No (would need transfer to consultant-led unit)	Yes	No (would need transfer to Delivery Suite)	No (would need transfer to consultant-led unit)
Obstetric (maternity) doctors on site	No	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	No
Neonatal (baby) doctors on site	No	Yes	Yes	Paediatricians available Mon-Fri 09.00-20.00 for emergencies, but no facilities for ongoing neonatal care	Yes	Yes	No
Staff trained in maternal and baby emergencies on site	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Baby resuscitation equipment on site	Midwife will bring this	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Operating theatre on site	No	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	No
Transfer rates of women expecting their first baby	Transfer rates vary a lot from month to month but tend to range from around 35% to 50% for women expecting their first baby						
Transfer rates of women who have had a baby before	Transfer rates vary a lot from month to month but tend to range from around 5% to 20% for women who have had a baby before						
Approximate average transfer time to nearest consultant-led unit	Varies	N/A	5 minutes	40 minutes	N/A	5 minutes	30 minutes
Partner able to stay overnight if your labour is induced (some women may be able to have an outpatient induction)	N/A	Yes whilst being induced and if you are in a single room	N/A	N/A	Yes	N/A	N/A
Partner able to stay overnight after the birth	Yes	This may be possible if you are in a single room and there are special circumstances	Yes if you are not transferred to the ward	Yes, in a single room if the birth is on ABC	Yes	Yes	Yes
Single room available after the birth	N/A	Some available, prioritised on clinical need. Some amenity rooms available (you would be charged)	All rooms in the unit are single (sometimes transfer to postnatal ward where amenity rooms may be available for a charge)	Free for first night if you gave birth at ABC and if room available	Some No charge – clinical need as required	All rooms in the unit are single (sometimes transfer to postnatal ward where amenity rooms may be available for a charge)	All rooms in the unit are single