

## PLANNING PLACE OF BIRTH

The following box provides specific criteria for planning birth within Midwife-led Units (MLUs) **Green** box criteria relating to Freestanding Unit and **Blue** box criteria relating to Alongside Unit only.

Planned Birth in any MLU (Freestanding unit (FMU) & Alongside Unit (AMU)) for women with the following:

Planned Birth in Alongside Unit (AMU) only for women with the following:

1. Maternal Age  $\geq 16$  years and  $\leq 40$  years
2. BMI at booking  $\geq 18$  kg/m<sup>2</sup> and  $\leq 35$  kg/ m<sup>2</sup> (5)
3. Last recorded Hb  $\geq 100$ g/L
4. No more than 4 previous births
5. Assisted conception with Clomifene or similar
6. SROM  $\leq 24$ hrs and no sign of infection
7. Women on Tier 1 of the SEHSCT Integrated Perinatal Mental Health Care Pathway (6a)
8. Threatened miscarriage, now resolved
9. Threatened preterm labour, now resolved
10. Suspected low lying placenta, now resolved
11. Medical condition that is not impacting on the pregnancy or the woman's health
12. Women who have required social services input and there is no related impact on the pregnancy or the woman's health
13. Previous congenital abnormality, with no evidence of recurrence
14. Non-significant (light) meconium in the absence of any other risk (6b)
15. Uncomplicated third degree tear 16 Serum antibodies of no clinical significance
17. Women who have had previous cervical treatment, now term

1. Maternal age  $< 16$  years or  $> 40$  years( 6c)
2. BMI at booking  $\geq 35$  kg/m<sup>2</sup> and  $\leq 40$  kg/ m<sup>2</sup> with good mobility
3. Last recorded Hb  $> 85$ g/L (6d)
4. No more than 5 previous births (6e)
5. IVF Pregnancy at term (excluding ovum donation and maternal age  $> 40$  years)
6. SROM  $> 24$ hrs, in established labour and no sign of infection
7. Women on Tier 2 of the SEHSCT Integrated Perinatal Mental Health Care Pathway, following individual assessment (6f)
8. Previous PPH, not requiring blood transfusion or surgical intervention
9. Previous extensive vaginal, cervical, or third degree perineal trauma following individual assessment
10. Prostaglandin induction resulting in the onset of labour (6g)
11. Group B Streptococcus positive in this pregnancy with no signs of infection (6h)

Ref:- GAIN Guidelines, 2016, Guideline for Admission to Midwife-led units in Northern Ireland and Northern Ireland Birth Care Pathway. Available at: <https://rqia.org.uk/RQIA/files/f0/f08452b2-7fbf-4492-8aa9-82fa0864bc79.pdf>