

## Frequently asked Questions

### What if I cannot produce a sample?

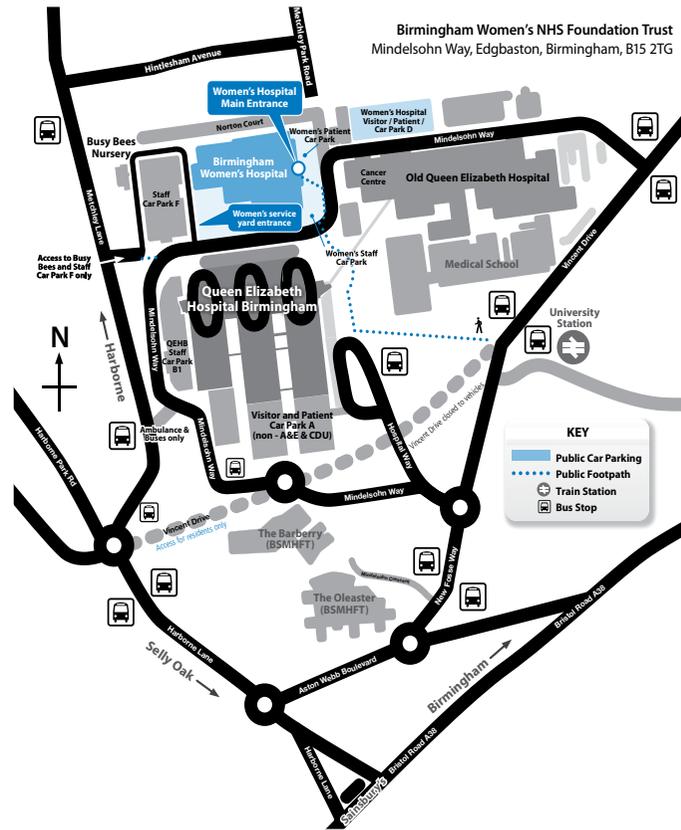
Simply tell the Andrology staff and they will ask you to telephone booking office to arrange another appointment.

They can provide you with a sample pot if you would rather bring the sample from home next time.

### What if I can't provide a sample by masturbation?

Arrange with Andrology prior to your appointment for a sample pot and a special condom (which doesn't kill the sperm) to be posted or collected from the department.

You can then bring the sample from home at your appointment time.



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## Andrology Department

Important information  
about your sperm test



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## The Andrology Department

Your appointment is on the second floor at the Birmingham Women's Hospital. Come to the reception desk at Birmingham Women's Fertility Centre.

**If you can not attend on the appointment date that you have been given please contact the booking office Tel: 0121 627 2786.**

If you think that you will be unable to produce a sample in the clinic you can arrange to bring a sample from home at your appointment time.

The sample must be delivered to the clinic 30-60 minutes after you have produced it.

We can provide a sample pot and special condom (one that does not damage the sperm). Telephone Andrology on 0121 627 2738.

If you bring a sample from home Keep it at body temperature Get it to the Andrology Department 30-60 minutes after it has been done. Tell reception that you have the sample with you

## Your Appointment

Try not to have any sexual activity for 3 days before your appointment.

Please arrive 5-10 minutes before your appointment time.

The receptionist will check your details and give you a form to fill in.

You will be shown to the waiting room to complete your form.

A member of the Andrology team will show you to a private room.

You will be given a sample pot and you will be left to provide a semen sample by masturbation.

Your partner can attend with you if you wish.

When you have produced your sample the Andrology staff will show you out.

The results of your test will be sent to your referring Doctor.

## What is the test for?

To examine your semen to find out:

### Sperm concentration

This is the number of sperm in the sample of your semen.

### Motility

This is to assess the number of sperm swimming and how quickly they are swimming.

### Morphology

To examine under the microscope the shapes and sizes of your sperm.

## Your semen analysis results

Your results will be sent to the refer-ring GP or consultant.

Allow 7-10 working days before contacting your GP.

If you have a further appointment at the hospital with your partner the clinician will have access to your report and will explain the results to you.