

**Obstetric Ultrasound Department**

At your routine scan it was found that your baby has 'dilated renal Pelves'. This can refer to one or both kidneys. The information below will answer some of the questions you might ask.

**What is Dilated Renal Pelves?**

The renal pelvis is the collecting system within the centre of the kidney; urine collects in this area before it is passed into the bladder. If the pelvis is 'dilated' this means it is slightly enlarged because the urine is not draining away quick enough. This can occur in one or both kidneys.

**Is this an abnormality?**

As the quality of ultrasound equipment has improved, it has been realised that the renal pelves do change in size as the bladder empties and fills. Most cases of dilated renal pelves resolve by 28 weeks. However, occasionally the extra fluid is caused by urine travelling back into the kidney from the bladder or because of an obstruction to the urine coming out of the bladder or kidneys.

**Will my baby have any more tests?**

Your baby's kidneys will be scanned again at 32 weeks of pregnancy. If they are still dilated at this stage you will be referred to a consultant who will arrange for your baby to have a scan soon after birth.

If you need any further information or want to discuss this further please ring the prenatal screening coordinator Wendy Newell on 01234 792007.