



## **INFORMATION SHEET FOR WOMEN BOOKING PRIVATE AND SEMI-PRIVATE MATERNITY CARE IN THE ROTUNDA HOSPITAL 2026**

We would like to welcome you to the Rotunda Hospital and congratulate you on your pregnancy.

The following information is provided to clarify arrangements and health insurance cover for women booking private or semi-private maternity care.

Maternity hospitals in the Republic of Ireland provide inpatient care to both public and insured (private patients). There is no maternity service in the Republic of Ireland that provides care to insured patients only. As such, there is no alternative outside public maternity hospitals. The Rotunda Hospital permits private practice under a contractual exception for Sláintecare (Public only) consultants providing maternity care. This approach supports women's choice, continuity of care and the safe delivery of specialist maternity services within a tertiary maternity hospital.

Insurance cover for professional consultant fees and hospital fees are a matter between you, the subscriber, and your insurer and should be confirmed in advance. This cover should apply to all consultants including Slaintecare consultants as discussed above.

If you are booking/registering for private or semi-private care, your maternity care should be provided for under your current health insurance policy. This typically includes:

- Consultant obstetric care
- Labour and delivery care
- Hospital postnatal accommodation-Private/Semi private rooms (Statutory Charges)
- Anaesthetic and Neonatal care, as required

We recommend that you contact your health insurer directly to confirm and inform yourself that your policy covers all elements of your private and semi-private maternity care in the Rotunda Hospital.

**If you have any questions, Please talk to the team in the Private clinic and you will be directed to personnel that can assist you**

We look forward to caring for you and your baby or babies during this important and exciting time.

Please read all questions carefully and please get clarity from your insurance company on the following areas of your cover. We will update your Rotunda Record with this signed information.

1. Are you fully covered for a Single or Multi-Occupancy Room in a Public Hospital and does this apply in Maternity cases?

Yes

No

2. If you have a medically indicated caesarean section will you still be covered for a Single Occupancy Room?

Yes

No

3. Will you be insured for 12 months at the time of delivery?

Yes

No

4. If you upgraded/changed your plan or changed insurance company in those 12 months will this affect your cover?

Yes

No

5. Are you aware that your bed request form when signed will be used to allocate your accommodation regardless of your insurance cover and that you may be charged for any shortfalls in insurance cover?

Yes

No

6. If any or all of your care is provided by consultants who have a new Slaintecare (Public only) contract will your policy cover this care given that these consultants have been approved to practice pregnancy related care in the Rotunda Hospital.

Yes

No