

This is a story told by a Bolton patient called Louise who unfortunately had a miscarriage in early 2017, but she is now currently expecting again. She would like to share her experiences of accessing the Early Pregnancy Unit (EPU) –

“I found out I was pregnant in May 2017 and decided to have all my care at the Royal Bolton Hospital. Whilst awaiting a referral to the hospital, I started bleeding and called the Early Pregnancy Unit for some advice as I was very worried! The Unit called me in the same day for a scan but unfortunately it was not good news.

Within a few weeks of the miscarriage, I had a positive pregnancy test and decided to call the Early Pregnancy Unit. They advised me to come in to see them for a blood test. The results came back the same day and they arranged for me to have a scan the following day. They have also arranged follow up scans so that they can keep a close eye on this pregnancy.

Thank you so much to the Unit for not referring me back to my GP and for not waiting for a referral. I would have found that really difficult. Every member of staff I have encountered have been fabulous with me, including the student nurses.”