

QUESTIONS TO ASK YOUR GP

What birthing options are available on the Sunshine Coast? Do you collaborate with Private midwives? At what stage of my pregnancy will you refer me to a Private midwife,

an Obstetrician for Private Hospital Care or to the Public Hospital?

If I choose a private midwife will you release my blood and scan results to her?

What will happen to me if a complication occurs to me or my baby during pregnancy?

How many people will be involved in my pregnancy and birth if I have a private midwife? An Obstetrician? The public system?

Who is available on the Sunshine Coast for postnatal care?

Where can I get private antenatal classes, public antenatal classes?

QUESTIONS TO ASK YOUR OBSTETRICIAN

How many pregnant women have you looked after?

What is your rate of inducing labour?

What is your caesarean rate?

Will you be at my birth? If not who will be?

Who can be with me at my birth?

Will you still look after me if there are any complications?

How can I contact you when my contractions begin or in an emergency?

Will you respect my birth plan?

Will you respect my cultural and religious beliefs?

What is the most I can expect to pay? What will I be "out of pocket"?

Where can I get postnatal care on the Sunshine Coast?

QUESTIONS TO ASK A PRIVATE MIDWIFE

How many pregnant women and babies have you looked after?

What is your rate of “normal births”?

What is your caesarean rate?

Will you look after me in pregnancy, labour and the postnatal period?

Who is your backup midwife?

How long would you be with me in labour before handing over to your backup midwife?

What is your opinion of pain relief in labour?

Do you have private antenatal classes? How are they different to hospital classes?

Who can be with me at my birth?

What happens to me if there are any complications in my pregnancy or birth?

Will we make a birth plan?

Will you respect my wishes, my cultural and religious beliefs?

Will you attend my appointments at the hospital when they're required?

Describe your commitment to successful breastfeeding?

What can I expect to pay? Can I claim from medicare?