**Chaperone**

Don valley Healthcare defines the role of a chaperone as a person who can:

* To provide emotional comfort and reassurance to the patient.
* Assist in the examination ( for example during IUCD and Coil fits)
* Assist a patient in undressing, where needed.
* Act as interpreter or the patients advocate.
* Provide protection to healthcare professionals against unfounded allegations of improper behaviour.
* To stop the healthcare profession during any procedure and question on behalf of the patient if they believe it’s inappropriate.

In addition, in very rare circumstances the chaperone may be required to protect the clinician against an attack. As well as an experienced chaperone will be able to indemnify un-natural or unacceptable behaviour on the part of the healthcare profession undertaking the examination to prevent harm.

If you wish to have a chaperone present during any consultation, please ask the receptionist or the clinician.