

## **Fetal Cardiac Scan**

### **About the Fetal Cardiac Scan:**

A detailed examination of the fetal heart and connecting vessels is carried out from 18 weeks by a Fetal Cardiac Specialist. It is especially recommended for women with a family history of heart abnormalities, or where increased nuchal translucency had been found at the 12 week scan. A cardiac scan can also be recommended after the 20 week anomaly scan if there are any concerns with the appearance of the heart. Women with pre-existing diabetes are also advised to have a fetal cardiac scan.

### **Results of the Scan**

After the scan you will be fully counselled about the results and the implications of the scan by the Fetal Cardiac Specialist. If an abnormality is detected, we can arrange follow up scans. A copy of the written report of the scan will be sent to your referring Consultant the same day.