

The Faculty of Sexual and Reproductive Healthcare (FSRH) guidance²

A routine follow-up visit can be advised after the first menses following insertion of an IUD or 3-6 weeks later to exclude infection, perforation or expulsion.

Women should be informed about signs and symptoms of infection, perforation and expulsion and how to check the threads, and advised to return if they have any problems.

If there is any possibility of perforation at the time of insertion or later, an ultrasound scan and then, if indicated, a plain abdominal and pelvic X-ray should be arranged as soon as possible in order to locate the device. Women should be advised to use additional contraceptive precautions in the interim.