

Man Told 'You're Pregnant - With Twins'

A Birmingham man was left "flabbergasted" after a hospital told him he was pregnant - and could be expecting twins.

Mr Plettell said he had been the butt of jokes from friends since the letter. Hilton Plettell received a letter inviting him for a scan at the ante-natal department of Norfolk and Norwich University NHS Hospital, to find out how far pregnant he was. The 50-year-old merchandising manager was asked to attend with a full bladder - standard practice for ultrasound scans - and told that "sometimes it can show twins". Mr Plettell, who has never had children, said: "I was absolutely flabbergasted. "It just came out of the blue. I have seen the funny side of it and all my mates are enjoying ribbing me about it. Norwich Hospital have apologised for the mix-up. "The letter had my correct name, date of birth and National Insurance number so I knew it was genuine and it turns out to be a genuine mistake." The blunder comes 20 years after Mr Plettell had treatment for kidney stones at the East Anglia hospital - where a senior nurse has now issued him an apology. She blamed a clerical error and promised to improve procedures in the future. Mr Plettell said he could have gone down in history - but that he has instead he found himself the butt of endless jokes.