

Ex Utero transfers for Enhanced Care from Local Neonatal Units:

Applies to Kent & Medway and Surrey & Sussex Perinatal Network Units:

Babies that will be transferred out :

- Less than 27 weeks.
- Requiring invasive ventilation above 48 hours.
- Requiring invasive ventilation + nitric oxide.
- Requiring therapeutic cooling.
- Requiring surgery or surgical review
- Requiring cardiac treatment/surgery or ECMO
- Requiring ROP review / second opinion, if not available locally(planned)
- Requiring ROP treatment (planned)

Process:

Contact EBS and request emergency transfer.

Is there a cot at the nearest NICU?

If the baby has been an in-patient for 48 hours and deteriorating, the referring unit consultant should contact the network NICU consultant to discuss ongoing care & transfer. If decision is made to transfer then follow below, depends on cot availability.

Yes – cot at lead NICU

EBS will mobilise nearest NTS team

Referring unit stabilises baby until NTS team arrive and formally handover care.

NTS team take baby to the receiving unit.

No cots at lead NICU

EBS will advise on the nearest unit and will contact them about the transfer.

Referring consultant contacts receiving NICU consultant to discuss care and reason for transfer, if accepted the NTS team will transfer to the agreed unit.

EBS will mobilise the nearest NTS team who will attend & transfer.

If the baby is not accepted the referring consultant should tell EBS and discuss with the network NICU about ongoing care.

Refusals should be by consultants only.

Responsibility of referring unit:

All documentation must be completed and ready for the NTS team.

A senior member of staff must inform the parents about the baby's condition and the need to transfer, plus where they are going.

Liase with the maternity unit and advise them on where the baby is going and whether mum should be transferred to the same hospital. This will depend on mother's condition.

Units this applies to:

East Surrey Hospital

Tunbridge Wells Hospital

Kent & Medway	Surrey & Sussex
Unit : Tunbridge Wells Hospital	Unit: East Surrey Hospital
Criteria: Less than 27 weeks Requiring invasive ventilation above 48 hours Requiring invasive ventilation + nitric oxide Requiring therapeutic cooling Request transfer via EBS Refer to Medway or William Harvey If unable to accept then via EBS	Criteria: Less than 27 weeks Requiring invasive ventilation above 48 hours Requiring invasive ventilation + nitric oxide Requiring therapeutic cooling Request transfer via EBS Refer to St Peter's or Royal Sussex If unable to accept then via EBS
Criteria; Requiring surgery or surgical review Request transfer via EBS Refer to Evelina or Kings Consider Royal Sussex	Criteria: Requiring surgery or surgical review Request transfer via EBS Refer to Royal Sussex or St Georges Consider Evelina
Criteria: Requiring cardiac treatment/surgery Request transfer via EBS Refer to Evelina or Royal Brompton as requested by referrer Refer to GOS for ECMO	Criteria: Requiring cardiac treatment/surgery Request transfer via EBS Refer to Evelina or Royal Brompton Refer to GOS for ECMO Consider Southampton
Criteria: Requiring ROP second opinion or treatment Discuss with NICU lead at Medway	Criteria: Requiring ROP second opinion or treatment Discuss with NICU lead at ASPH /Brighton

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