

**Ex Utero transfers for Enhanced Care from Special Care Units:**

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

Babies that will be transferred :

- Below unit gestational criteria – see specific criteria overleaf
- Requiring invasive ventilation any age – see specific criteria overleaf
- Requiring inotrope support
- Requiring therapeutic cooling
- Requiring Parenteral Nutrition - if not available locally
- Requiring surgery or surgical review
- Requiring cardiac treatment/surgery or ECMO
- Requiring a higher level of care & deteriorating.
- Requiring exchange transfusion
- Requiring continuous arterial monitoring
- ROP review/second opinion or for treatment (planned)

Process:

Referring consultant to discuss with consultant at lead NICU, do they have a cot ? can they accept the baby? plus clinical advice if required.

Contact EBS and request emergency transfer.

Is there a cot at the nearest NICU or LNU? Is there an NTS team available?

Yes – cot at local NICU or LNU if appropriate

EBS will mobilise the 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 local NICU

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

EBS will mobilise the nearest NTS team who will attend, whilst cot location is agreed.

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

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:

Conquest Hospital

Eastbourne Hospital

Worthing Hospital

Princess Royal Hospital

Darent Valley Hospital

QEQM Hospital, Margate

Frimley Park Hospital

Royal Surrey Hospital

<b>Kent &amp; Medway</b>	<b>Surrey &amp; Sussex</b>
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<p>Criteria for transfer to LNU or NICU: 27-30 + 6 weeks on CPAP/ HFNC Requires PN &amp; not available locally Requires exchange transfusion</p> <p><b>Discuss with lead NICU Request transfer via EBS</b></p>	<p>Criteria for transfer to LNU or NICU: 27-30 + 6 weeks on CPAP/ HFNC * Requires PN &amp; not available locally Requires exchange transfusion</p> <p><b>Discuss with lead NICU Request transfer via EBS *FPH &amp; RSCH accept 28 weeks upwards</b></p>
<p>Criteria for transfer to NICU only: Less than 27 weeks Requiring invasive ventilation any age Requiring inotropes any age Requiring continuous arterial monitoring Requires therapeutic cooling</p> <p><b>Discuss with lead NICU Request transfer via EBS Refer to Medway or William Harvey If no local cot then via EBS to nearest NICU</b></p>	<p>Criteria for transfer to NICU: Less than 27 weeks Requiring invasive ventilation any age* Requiring inotropes any age Requiring continuous arterial monitoring Requires therapeutic cooling</p> <p><b>Discuss with lead NICU *FPH &amp; RSCH should discuss if invasive ventilation continues at 6 hrs of age &amp; not ready for extubation Request transfer via EBS Refer to St Peter's or Royal Sussex If no local cot then via EBS to nearest NICU</b></p>
<p>Criteria: Requires surgical review &amp;/or surgery Requires cardiac review or surgery</p> <p><b>Request transfer via EBS Refer to Evelina for cardiac &amp; surgery Refer to Kings for surgery via Medway Consider Royal Sussex for surgery Consider Royal Brompton Refer to GOS for ECMO</b></p>	<p>Criteria: Requires surgical review &amp;/or surgery Requires cardiac review or surgery</p> <p><b>Request transfer via EBS Refer to Royal Sussex for surgery (Sussex) Refer to St Georges for surgery (Surrey) Refer to Evelina or Royal Brompton for cardiac, consider Southampton &amp; GOS Refer to GOS for ECMO</b></p>
<p>Criteria: Requiring ROP review or treatment</p> <p><b>Discuss with NICU lead at Medway</b></p>	<p>Criteria: Requiring ROP review or treatment</p> <p><b>Discuss with NICU lead at ASPH/Brighton</b></p>

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