

Ex Utero transfers from Neonatal Intensive Care Units:

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

Babies that will be transferred :

- Requiring surgery or surgical review
- Requiring cardiac treatment/surgery or ECMO
- Requiring neurosurgery or neuro treatment in specialist unit
- Requiring other review in specialist unit – rare conditions
- Capacity transfers eg; back transfer to allow incoming IC referral
- ROP review /second opinion, if not available locally (planned)
- ROP treatment, if not available locally (planned)

Process:

If the baby is an in-patient and specialist care is required, the referring unit consultant should contact the NICU consultant at the receiving specialist unit to discuss ongoing care & transfer.

Yes – cot at specialist centre

Specialist unit consultant accepts baby, decide whether this is emergency or planned transfer.

Referring unit contacts EBS for emergency transfer or team to book planned transfer.

NTS team take baby to the receiving unit.

No cots at specialist centre

Referring consultant continues to care for baby on NICU and remain in contact with the specialist centre.

If the baby requires emergency surgery then contact EBS for surgical cot.

Refusals should be by consultants only.

Urgent capacity transfers are to be discussed between lead consultant and receiving unit, if the baby fulfills the repatriation criteria. The referring consultant must contact the NTS team, if they accept an urgent capacity transfer they must inform EBS. This is likely to be part of an ongoing referral and there maybe call stacking during these transfers. If the baby cannot return to the local unit a transfer to the nearest LNU maybe considered.

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 with the unit name and phone number.

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:

Medway Hospital

William Harvey Hospital

St Peter's Hospital

Royal Sussex County Hospital

Kent & Medway	Surrey & Sussex
Unit : Medway Hospital William Harvey Hospital	Unit: Royal Sussex County Hospital St Peter's Hospital
Criteria: Requiring surgery or surgical review Request transfer via EBS Refer to Kings for surgery from Medway Refer to Evalina from WHH If unable to accept then consider Royal Sussex or next available cot.	Criteria: Requiring surgery or surgical review Request transfer via EBS Refer to RACH from Royal Sussex Refer to St Georges from St Peter's If unable to accept then consider Southampton or next available unit
Criteria: Requiring cardiac treatment/surgery Request transfer via EBS Refer to Evalina or Royal Brompton Refer to GOS for ECMO	Criteria: Requiring cardiac treatment/surgery Request transfer via EBS Refer to Evalina or Royal Brompton Refer to GOS for ECMO Consider Southampton
Criteria Requiring neurosurgery or treatment in specialist neuro unit. Request transfer via EBS Refer to Kings	Criteria Requiring neurosurgery or treatment in specialist neuro unit. Request transfer via EBS Refer to Kings
All other specialist referrals for rare conditions would be either Evalina or GOS. Request transfer via EBS once referral accepted	All other referrals for rare conditions would be either Evalina or GOS. Request transfer via EBS once referral accepted.
Criteria: ROP review or treatment WHH discuss with Medway	Criteria: ROP review or treatment Not normally transferred out

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