

Moving Closer to Home

Family Link Nurse Team

Hello from the Neonatal Unit, RBH.



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Congratulations to you and your family on your new arrival(s).

We are the Repatriation Link team here on Buscot Ward at the Neonatal Unit at the Royal Berkshire Hospital.

From the moment your baby is born we will be aiming to get you closer to home with your baby. Our role is to support you throughout your baby's stay on the neonatal unit.

Welcoming you to Buscot Ward

Buscot ward is the local neonatal unit at the Royal Berkshire Hospital in Reading. The unit is made up of an intensive care area and three other nurseries. The nurseries are colour coded depending upon your babies clinical needs. The unit has the capacity to care for 16 babies in total at any one time.

Our professional team is made up of doctors, nurses, nursery nurses, students, ancillary staff, family support practitioners, a psychiatrist and a chaplaincy service. The staff photo board as you arrive on the ward will help you to get familiar with the team.

We recognise and acknowledge that you as parents are the continuous presence in your baby's life who see and care for them every day and therefore welcome and encourage you to spend as much time as you wish on the unit.

Supporting you and your family

We will contact you shortly after your baby is born and will check in with you on a regular basis with weekly calls and emails. Our goal is to be your advocate and source of information during your stay in the tertiary unit and to assist in planning for repatriation once your baby is ready to be cared for closer to home at the Royal Berkshire hospital.

This includes providing emotional support, practical advice, such as what to provide for your baby as well as ensuring that you know what to expect when your baby is transferred back to the Royal Berkshire Hospital.

Contact us any time

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