

Appendix 5: Transfer Care Pathway

The recommendations within the table below are based on the gestational age, clinical stability of the baby and the geographical distance from neonatal units. An individual decision for location of care for babies on the amber or red pathways should be made between the neonatal Consultant and the transferring clinicians. This may result in a journey time of more than thirty minutes if appropriate care can be provided during the journey.

Green	Amber	Red
Clinical status: - Gestation >37 weeks - No ongoing respiratory support or clinical concerns	Clinical status: - Gestation <37 weeks - Ongoing respiratory support or clinical concerns	Clinical status: - Oxygen saturations <80% - Requiring cardiac compressions - Acute clinical concerns
Preferred neonatal unit designation: Any labour ward (if transfer required)	Preferred neonatal unit designation: An individual decision for each baby should be made by the neonatal Consultant and transferring clinicians <u>NICU:</u> - Gestation <27 weeks <i>and</i> <30 minute journey to NICU - Any baby if nearest neonatal unit is NICU <u>LNU:</u> - Gestation <27 weeks if journey time to NICU is >30 minutes - Gestation <32 weeks <i>and</i> <30 minute journey to LNU - Gestation >32 weeks if nearest neonatal unit is LNU <u>SCU:</u> - Gestation <32 weeks if journey time to LNU/NICU is >30 minutes - Gestation >32 weeks	Preferred neonatal unit designation: Nearest hospital (ideally with neonatal unit) Stabilisation and subsequent neonatal transfer if required: LNU – short term intensive care only SCU – stabilisation only for intensive care
Nearest hospital	Hospitals: <u>NICU:</u> - Ashford - Brighton - Chertsey - Medway - Oxford - Portsmouth - Southampton <u>LNU:</u> - East Surrey Hospital - Frimley - Milton Keynes	Hospitals with neonatal units: <u>Thames Valley:</u> - Milton Keynes - Oxford - Reading - Stoke Mandeville - Wexham Park <u>Wessex:</u> - Basingstoke - Chichester - Dorchester - Isle of Wight

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Poole - Reading - Salisbury - Stoke Mandeville - Tunbridge Wells - Wexham Park <p><u>SCU:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Basingstoke - Chichester - Darent Valley - Dorchester - Guildford - Haywards Heath - Isle of Wight - Margate - St Leanards on Sea - Winchester - Worthing 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Poole - Portsmouth - Salisbury - Southampton - Winchester <p><u>KSS:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Ashford - Brighton - Chertsey - Darent Valley - East Surrey Hospital - Frimley - Guildford - Haywards Heath - Margate - Medway - St Leanards on Sea - Tunbridge Wells - Worthing
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