

Moving Closer to Home

Repatriation Link Nurse



Hello from The Beach Unit, Royal Bournemouth Hospital

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

My name is Lucy and I'm the Repatriation Link Nurse here at the Local Neonatal Unit (LNU) at the Beach Unit, Bournemouth, Dorset.

From the moment your baby is born we will be aiming to get you closer to home with your baby. My role is to support you through your baby's stay in the hospital you are at, helping you to transfer back to us at Bournemouth when your baby is ready to do so.

Supporting you and your family

As your link nurse, I will contact you shortly after your baby is born and will check in with you on a regular basis with weekly calls and emails. My 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 on the LNU.

This includes providing you with access to practical advice, emotional support, and financial support, (where needed), as well as ensuring that you know what to expect when your baby is transferred back to Bournemouth.

Our **Welcome Pack** will be sent to you before transfer. To help familiarise you with the unit ahead of transfer, a virtual tour or in-person visit to the unit can also be arranged so that you can meet the team and look around the facilities.

We are really looking forward to welcoming you back.

Contact

NICU direct line:

0300 019 2330

Please see our contact details opposite. If you have any questions, concerns, need anything or would just like a chat, please get in touch.

Email:

familiesofnicu@uhd.nhs.uk

Further Information



If you have access to social media, the neonatal unit in Bournemouth has a Dorset Facebook page to support parents who have spent time in neonatal. Feel free to share pictures, stories or ask for advice or support. Any fund-raising events can be advertised and coffee mornings or catch ups will also be found here. **Dorset NICU Support**

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