

If your baby is not born soon after transfer

If you have been transferred to another hospital before your baby is born, there is a possibility you may not give birth following the transfer. Depending on you and your baby's needs you may be discharged home or transferred back to your local hospital for continued antenatal care.

When your baby is born

If your baby is born before transfer is possible, and requires further specialised care, your baby will be transferred by the Embrace Transport Team (Yorkshire & Humber Infant and Children's Transport service).

Transferring to your local hospital for continuing care

Once your baby no longer requires specialist care, your baby will be transferred (repatriated) back to another hospital, most likely a level 1 or 2 unit. Ideally this will be a unit closer to your home. This helps us provide specialist neonatal intensive care for other babies within our network.

<https://www.sheffieldchildrens.nhs.uk/embrace/>



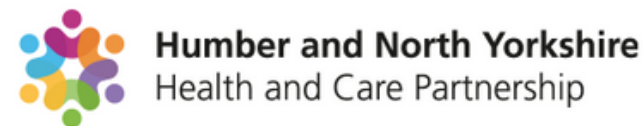
The Local maternity Systems and Yorkshire and Humber Neonatal Network work together to ensure:

- Mothers/birthing people and babies receive the care they need, in the right place, as close to home as possible.
- Families receive consistent and high-quality information and support, and are involved in the care they receive.

For further information about the Yorkshire & Humber Neonatal Network, please visit:

www.networks.nhs.uk/groups/yorkshire-humber-neonatal-odn/units/

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West Yorkshire Health and Care Partnership

Joined Up Care Derbyshire



Transferring to another hospital during pregnancy



Transferring your care to ensure your baby is born in the right place

Levels of Neonatal care

Why do I need to be transferred?

If your baby is likely to be born early or expected to need specialist care, it is important that you and your baby are in the best place to access specialist care/support. It is much better for the baby to be transferred whilst still in the womb (in-utero transfer). This transfer could happen very quickly or more slowly depending on several factors i.e., whether the pregnant woman/mother and baby are stable to transfer safely, how many weeks' pregnant, distance and time of transfer and what care and medication you may require before a transfer is arranged.

When the decision to move to another hospital has been made you will be transferred by ambulance with a Midwife. This will take place before your baby is born and you will be going to a hospital with a specialist neonatal unit. We are not always able to provide you and your partner/family a choice of place where their baby is cared for, but will ensure your baby is cared for in the right place with the right level of care for them. We realise this is a worrying time for you and your family, a Doctor and Midwife will be available to discuss the reasons for transfer and which unit has been organised with you and your partner/ family.

Unfortunately, your partner will not be able to travel in the ambulance with you, however staff will ensure they are given the address of the hospital you are being transferred to so that they can meet you there.

As previously mentioned, not all neonatal units can provide the same level of specialist care for your baby. On page 2 there is a brief guide to the levels of care that neonatal units can provide and on page 3 are the names of the Yorkshire and Humber Neonatal Units.

Special Care Unit (SCU- Level 1)

For babies who need support with the most straightforward care. This may include minimal breathing support, help with feeding, treatment for jaundice and additional monitoring of heart rate and breathing. These units also provide care for babies continuing to recover from specialist care in other neonatal units and support discharge to home. The majority of babies will be born after 32 weeks gestation and weighing more than 1000 grams. If you have a twin pregnancy these babies will need to be over 34 weeks gestation to deliver in a level 1 unit. Higher multiples i.e. triplets will be delivered in a higher level unit.

Local Neonatal Unit (LNU -Level 2)

For babies who require special care needs as above as well as short-term breathing support via a breathing machine (e.g. a ventilator) and/or High dependency care such as longer-term breathing support (e.g. via other specialist breathing equipment) and/or babies who require more longer-term support with feeding and nutrition are also cared for here. Babies born after 27 weeks gestation weighing more than 800 grams may receive all their care in an LNU.

Neonatal Intensive Care Unit (NICU -Level 3)

Provides all levels of care as above for own local area as well as the Yorkshire and Humber Network including a range of highly specialised care and expertise. Some units specialise in surgery and/or looking after specific conditions. Any baby born from 22 weeks requiring intensive care, High dependency and Special care may receive some or all their care here.

The Yorkshire & Humber Network is made up of 19 units that offer different levels of care.

Special Care Unit (SCBU, Level 1)

Bassetlaw Scarborough
Harrogate St James's Leeds

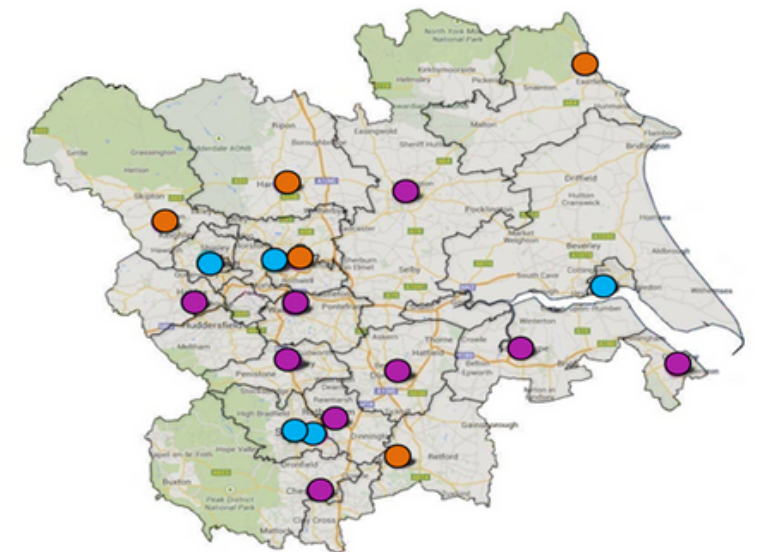
Local Neonatal Unit (LNU, Level 2)

Airedale
Barnsley
Calderdale
Chesterfield
Doncaster
Grimsby
Pinderfields
Rotherham
Scunthorpe
York

Neonatal Intensive Care Unit (NICU, Level 3)

Bradford
Jessop Wing, Sheffield
Hull
Leeds General Infirmary
*Sheffield Children's Neonatal Surgical Unit

Yorkshire & Humber Neonatal Network



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