1.0 Introduction
The Newborn Transport Service (NTS) aims to provide a timely and safe transfer for all babies being transferred. To provide optimum care for the baby during transfer, no parents will be allowed to travel in the ambulance with their child.

This is mainly due to the following reasons.

- Transport staff need to concentrate on providing care for the baby and cannot provide the emotional, psychological and medical care that parents may require during the transfer.
- Restrictions on space and seating capacity within the ambulance.
- The additional weight of parents and luggage may exceed maximum transfer weight in line with European Standards.
- Problems regarding insurance of the ambulance to carry parents that are not patients.

2.0 Information
2.1 Parents will be given an Information Leaflets about the NTS team, as well as information about and directions to the receiving unit. Much of this is available on-line on individual hospital websites or Google maps for example. (click here and then on the 'get directions' tab)

2.2 Parents will be discouraged from following the ambulance as this is not safe.

3.0 Audit
Transport documentation
Parental Satisfaction Survey
4.0 References

References and Associated Reading


Transcript of Health and Public Services Committee meeting, 22nd February 2006, p.42