

Neonatal Pathway for LNUs

Any baby requiring a NICU including:

- <27+0 weeks
- Multiples <28+0 weeks
- < 801 grams
- Requires therapeutic hypothermia (exception Calderdale)
- For surgical or cardiac opinion
- Ventilated baby who is unstable/high pressure/high FiO₂
- Ventilated requiring other organ support e.g. inotropes or chest drain (unresolving pneumothorax)

(Refer to triggers for transfer guideline for further detailed information)



These babies are “off pathway”.
Telephone Embrace to enable call conference and transfer.

Stable baby:

- Ventilated approaching 48 hours or soon after.
- If chest drains present please discuss sooner.

(Discussion during the day i.e. 08:00 - 17:00 hours)



In the first instance, these babies are required to be discussed with Local Tertiary Consultant for advice and formulate a plan.

- For transfer, telephone Embrace to enable call conference.
- Please document all conversations.

Reference

- Toolkit for High Quality Neonatal Services 2009
- NHS England Service Specifications for Neonatal Critical Care.