

INFORMATION SHEET FOR PARENTS WHERE TRANSFER BEFORE DELIVERY IS NEEDED

Yorkshire and Humber Neonatal Units working together to keep babies safe

During the current huge demands on the NHS, Maternity and Neonatal Services are working together to make sure we can deliver safe care for all babies.

Please note that the current information we are receiving is that babies are rarely significantly affected by Coronavirus. However, the current epidemic is placing staffing numbers under huge pressure. We are constantly checking on available staff and cots so that we can match each baby's needs with the services available. It means some deliveries will take place away from the planned hospital. We understand that families will have good reasons for their choice of a particular maternity hospital and we shall change these plans only if it is really essential.

All the baby units work together as part of the Yorkshire and Humber Neonatal Network. We work together to make sure there are high quality services on all sites. We need to make sure that babies with the most complex needs are looked after in our regional units. This may mean some local deliveries are moved out to other units.

We shall always aim to keep families as close to home as possible, but hope that you will understand if your delivery cannot take place in your original planned hospital.