

INFORMATION SHEET FOR PARENTS

WHERE TRANSFER OUT FROM HOME UNIT MAY BE NEEDED

Yorkshire and Humber Neonatal Units working together to keep babies safe

During the current huge demands on the NHS, neonatal services across the region are working together to make sure we can deliver safe care for all babies.

We need to make sure that all babies have access to the level of care which is appropriate to their needs. As the smallest and sickest babies grow and become more stable, their care is usually transferred to local neonatal units to continue their progress towards home. This is part of the normal pathway where units work together to provide a network of care.

When there is exceptional demand, most likely due to potentially unsafe staffing levels, we may need to transfer babies away from their 'home' (local) unit to allow other, more unwell, babies to be admitted. We shall do our best to keep all babies as close to home as possible, but hope you will understand if we need to move your baby in order to provide excellent care for all babies.

Before any baby moves, there will be close liaison between the clinical teams in each unit to make sure care continues with minimal disruption to baby. We understand this will be difficult for families, but moving may be unavoidable.

The Coronavirus epidemic is placing huge pressures on all units. We are sure you will understand that if we do need to move your baby, this is in order to provide the safe care that all babies deserve.