

Any further questions?

If you have any questions please ask your baby's nurse/midwife or you may ask to speak to a member of the Neonatal Medical Team.

Neonatal Transitional Care Pathway

Parent Information

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Neonatal Transitional Care (NTC) Pathway

The aim of our NTC pathway is to keep mothers and their babies together and reduce the need for separation when babies need additional neonatal care. The NTC pathway is not a physical location but a pathway of more frequent observations and coordinated care between the neonatal and midwifery team.

Location

The NTC pathway is delivered on both the Neonatal Unit and the Postnatal Ward. It is staffed by neonatal nurses, neonatal doctors and advanced neonatal nurse practitioners (ANNP).

Reasons to be admitted on to the NTC pathway

- Babies born early but more than 34 weeks gestation
- Babies born small between 1600grams and 2000grams
- Babies needing help with feeding or keeping warm
- Babies needing multiple treatments for jaundice
- Babies needing treatment with antibiotics
- Some babies born to mothers who have insulin dependent diabetes

- Babies needing monitoring due to maternal medication
- Babies at risk of developing or being treated for an infection

All babies will receive regular observations from the neonatal nurse and a daily review by either a neonatal doctor or ANNP.

What happens when your baby has been admitted to the Transitional Care Pathway?

Your baby will stay with you and be cared for by you whilst on the NTC pathway. A midwife will continue to deliver your care and a neonatal nurse will help you care for your baby. You will be fully involved in any planning and care being given to your baby. Your baby will be reviewed daily by either an ANNP or a neonatal doctor.

Facilities whilst on the NTC pathway

Food will be provided for mothers whilst on the pathway and will be served on the Postnatal Ward. There are also food and drinking catering facilities available within the hospital.

Things you will need to provide when your baby is on the TC pathway

- Nappies

- Cotton wool
- Clothes for your baby

Visiting Times

These will vary depending on the location where the baby is receiving their care.

How long will I stay on the NTC pathway?

You will stay on the NTC pathway until your baby is ready to be discharged home. If you need follow up by the Neonatal Community Team, you will get an opportunity to meet them before you get discharged.

Safety

Whilst you are on the NTC pathway, bed sharing is not allowed for safety reasons.

Please ensure your baby is not left unattended on the ward; another responsible family member must be with your baby if you leave the ward.

Babies should be changed and dressed in their cots where it is safest – not on the bed.

If you feel unwell at any time during your stay on NTC, please let a member of staff know; they will liaise with the appropriate team.