

- ⇒ *If possible you will be transferred to an appropriate hospital before your baby is born.*
- ⇒ *All transfers will be thoroughly discussed between the referring and receiving units.*
- ⇒ *Every attempt will be made to ensure that you are transferred with your baby within 24 hours, by direct transfer to a ward for on-going postnatal care. If appropriate you will be discharged and will be able to make your own travel arrangements.*
- ⇒ *You will be provided with a parent passport to ensure that your involvement in your baby's care continues in whichever unit you are in.*

If your baby is moved, the CenTre Neonatal Transport team of highly skilled doctors and nurses undertake these journeys with your baby.

This can be a stressful time for you and it is not uncommon to feel worried about the transfer. The staff in your hospital will talk to you about the transfer before the CenTre team arrives. The transport team will introduce themselves to you and will answer any questions you might have about the transfer.

It may be possible for you to travel with your baby in the ambulance; however this will depend on lots of different factors. The transport team will talk to you about this. Due to limited space in the ambulance CenTre can only transfer one small bag of luggage and a small amount of expressed breast milk (EBM) with your baby. If you have larger items of luggage, or your baby has lots of EBM, you will be expected to make your own arrangements for this.

Further information on transfers can be found on the CenTre website; [www.centroneonataltransport.nhs.uk](http://www.centroneonataltransport.nhs.uk)



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For further information on what we do, please visit our website; [www.emnodn.nhs.uk](http://www.emnodn.nhs.uk)



## Antenatal Parent Information

### Neonatal Services Across the East Midlands Neonatal Operational Delivery Network (EMNODN)

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This information is aimed at parents whose baby may receive care in a Neonatal Unit after delivery. It will:

- Give an overview of the services provided
- Explain what will happen if your baby needs to be transferred out to another hospital for continuing care.

***Your baby may be identified as being at an increased risk of needing some extra care following delivery.***

There are three different levels of care:

#### **Intensive Care/Perinatal Centre**

Provided for babies who have serious problems, who are very premature (those born more than three months early) and/or have an extremely low birth weight (birth weight less than 1500 grams)

#### **High Dependency Care**

Provided for babies with less serious problems but who still need a great deal of observation and support and for those who are recovering from critical illness

#### **Special Care**

Provided for babies who do not require continuous observation and/or who are stable and growing.



**It is possible to arrange a visit to your local neonatal unit if you wish, please discuss this with your midwife.**

## **The East Midlands Neonatal Operational Delivery Network (EMNODN) consists of eleven Neonatal Units**

The **Leicester Neonatal Service** (Perinatal Centre) is provided in Leicester Royal Infirmary (LRI). The LRI provides all aspects of neonatal care and admits babies from across the EMNODN. When babies no longer require this high level of Intensive Care they will be transferred back to a neonatal unit which is nearer to home which provides the level of care required.

The **Nottingham Neonatal service** (Perinatal Centres) is provided in the Queen's Medical Centre and Nottingham City Hospital. The service provides all aspects of neonatal care and admits babies from across the EMNODN. When your baby no longer requires this high level of intensive care, he/she will be transferred back to a neonatal unit which is nearer to home and provides the level of care required.

The **Derby, Mansfield, Lincoln, Kettering and Northampton Neonatal Units** provide high dependency and short term Intensive Care. If your baby is likely to require long term Intensive Care or highly specialised care, for example surgery, then transfer to a Network Intensive Care/Perinatal Centre as near to home as possible will be required. Once your baby no longer requires this specialist care, he/she will be transferred back to your home unit or one closer to home.

The **Boston, Burton and Leicester (General) Neonatal Units** provide neonatal Special Care. If your baby requires a higher level of neonatal care (Intensive Care), he/she will be transferred to a Perinatal Centre or Intensive Care unit as near to home as possible. When your baby no longer requires this specialist care, he/she will be transferred back to either your home unit or one closer to home.

