

If you are unable to travel in ambulance, please do not attempt to follow it/Please make sure you travel at a safe and steady speed.

WHAT HAPPENS AT THE RECEIVING HOSPITAL?

When we get to the receiving hospital we will explain to the medical and nursing team what has happened both before and during the transfer. We will then move your child to their new cot/incubator.

If you are not present we will ring you to let you know that your child has arrived safely and update you on their condition.

Each hospital is different and has slightly different facilities and policies such as visiting and staying with your child. The staff will be happy to discuss this with you when you arrive.

The Neonatal Transport team are here to offer you help, support, advice and information.

Please do not hesitate to speak to us about any aspect of your child`s transfer.

If you have any comments that you feel you can`t talk about at the time, please use the Feedback Form, or contact

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Many Thanks

Neonatal Transfer Service



**NEONATAL
TRANSPORT TEAM**
**PARENT
INFORMATION**



We hope that this booklet will help to answer some of the many questions about your baby's transfer and care.

The need for transport may be to go back to your local hospital or for specialist care at The Regional Centre.

You may initially feel scared and a loss of control. These feelings are not uncommon. We aim to provide care and support for you and your child and are happy to answer any questions you may have.

WHAT IS THE NEONATAL TRANSFER TEAM?

The Neonatal transfer Team is a team of highly skilled staff with the specialist skills to safely care for your child during their transfer.

The team will consist of a doctor and a nurse and a Consultant if necessary. We may on occasions bring staff who are receiving further training in transport. When we arrive we will introduce ourselves to you and to the staff who are

looking after your child. Following a full hand-over we will concentrate on assessing, stabilising and preparing your child for transfer. At this time we may be busy but we will keep you informed.

SPECIALISED EQUIPMENT

The equipment being used will depend on your child's age, size and condition. The staff will be happy to inform you what is being used. This may include monitoring equipment, infusion pumps and a breathing machine. The ambulance your child will be travelling in is specially designed, providing all necessary facilities for specialist care while on the move.

GETTING READY FOR TRANSFER

The whole process can take some time; please do not be alarmed if this is the case. It is important your child is safe for transfer.

Once ready please do not be scared to touch or kiss your child. We will ask you for your contact details and give you contact details and directions to receiving hospital.

CAN I TRAVEL WITH MY CHILD?

There may be an opportunity, if your child's condition allows, for one parent to travel in the ambulance, but this will be assessed by the team at the time. It may not be possible due to space or safety issues but we will, where possible, try and keep you with your child.

If it is possible for you to travel, and you decide to take the opportunity, it is important that you only bring one small piece of luggage due to limited storage in the ambulance.

Not all parents wish to travel and that is OK too. This may be a good opportunity to make arrangements for other children or to pick up any belongings you may need.
