



The Northern Neonatal Network
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Northern Neonatal Network Care Pathways – January 2014

South Tyneside NHS Foundation Trust – South Tyneside District Hospital

Scope of care

South Tyneside NHS Foundation Trust provides neonatal services on their site at South Tyneside District Hospital. The current services provided on the site are as follows;

SCBU, South Tyneside District Hospital

Current Unit capacity

7 Special Care cots

Annual number of deliveries

1434 (April 2012 – March 2013 figures)

Annual number of admissions

114 (April 2012 – March 2013 figures)

Current threshold for routine ante-natal transfers

Generally obstetricians will try to transfer <32/40 gestation mothers to a Level 3 NICU hospital

Current threshold for routine post-natal transfers

<32/40 are routinely transferred to a Level 3 NICU for Intensive care

Other thresholds for routine post-natal transfer

Babies who can be cared for and requiring investigations that can be undertaken at South Tyneside will usually not be transferred. Examples of those who we will require transfer include but are not limited to: babies requiring ventilation, Cardiac/surgical assessment/intervention before discharge, babies requiring Long Lines & TPN, Exchange transfusion, Intensive treatment for HIE, babies with Metabolic disorders requiring specialised treatment and also any baby identified as requiring transfer after discussion with regional colleagues

Routine investigations/tests/screening currently undertaken

ROP screening, MRI, CT scans, ECG, Cranial ultrasounds

Surgical procedures undertaken or post-surgical care provided if not?

No surgery is currently provided at South Tyneside.

Cooling for H.I.E undertaken?

The SCBU is currently passively cooling babies prior to transfer to a NICU for active cooling if required/indicated.

T.P.N. provided on-site?

No

Neonatal community outreach team/services provided?

No, any babies requiring longer term post-discharge care are passed over to the paediatric community nursing team (e.g. oxygen-dependent babies).

Transitional Care provision on-site?

None - although some babies needing SBRs and IV antibiotics on the post natal ward currently receive this care via the midwives and are thus not routinely admitted to the SCBU just for these interventions alone. This is currently being reviewed and may become possible in the future so that more formal transitional care is provided at STH.