

Saint Mary's Hospital

Newborn Intensive Care Unit

Welcome to the Newborn Intensive Care Unit (NICU)/Ward 68

Information for Parents





My baby's details

Name:	
Date of birth:	
Time of birth:	
Birth weight:	
Method of delivery:	
Hospital born at:	
Mum's name:	
Dad's name:	
Brothers and sisters:	
Address:	
Baby's neonatal consultant:	
Baby's surgical consultant:	

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Congratulations on the birth of your baby. We know that having your baby here and being separated from them is a very worrying time for you. We hope the information in this booklet will be useful for you and help take some of the stress away from having a baby on NICU.

There are lots of different reasons that babies come to us on NICU. Many babies are admitted because they were born prematurely or sick, others because they have other medical or surgical conditions.

It is very important that you understand why your baby is with us on the NICU. Everything will be explained to you by the doctors and nurses who are looking after your baby.

Please remember that this is your baby and you can ask as many questions as you want, no question is a silly question, and please don't forget that your baby needs all your love and attention but also the specialist care that we provide. Feel free to call at any time for an update about your baby. To protect your confidentiality we will only give information to parents, so please don't ask anyone to phone on your behalf unless you have discussed this with us.

Key telephone numbers:

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Room 1 (nursery)	- (0161) 701 0105
Room 2 (nursery)	- (0161) 701 0104
Room 3 (HDU)	- (0161) 276 6538
Room 4 (ICU)	- (0161) 701 0102
Room 5 (ICU)	- (0161) 276 6810
Room 6 (HDU)	- (0161) 701 0101
Room 7 (HDU)	- (0161) 701 0100
Room 8 (HDU)	- (0161) 701 0098

Where will my baby be cared for?

There are 8 different clinical rooms on the NICU, all providing a different level of care:

Intensive care (ICU) rooms 4 and 5 – for babies who are born prematurely or sick, needing held with breathing (ventilation) or other critical support.

High Dependency (HDU) rooms 3, 6, 7 and 8 – for babies who do not require ICU but still require complex care.

Special Care (SC) rooms 1 and 2 – for babies who are just establishing feeds, growing and developing after needing complex care.

The number of staff in each room may vary according to the dependency of the babies in the room. In Intensive Care there can be 1 nurse to 1-2 babies. In High Dependency there can be 1 nurse to 2-3 babies. In Special Care there can be 1 nurse to 3-4 babies.

Who will be looking after my baby?

We are a team made up of doctors, nurses, ward clerks, unit assistants and domestic staff. Everyone is happy to help you with any issues you may have.

Our unit has approximately 200 nursing staff. The nursing workforce is large and diverse and as well as being registered nurses, many staff are at various stages in their training to gain additional qualifications in neonatal nursing.

Leading the nursing team is a team of modern matrons. They are here Monday to Friday for you to speak to if you have any issues or concerns.

Uniforms of the nursing team



SENIOR SISTER

a day. senior sister on every shift 24 hours I take charge of the shift. There is a



JUNIOR SISTER



SKY BLUE, WHITE STRIPE **STAFF NURSE**

the day. I care for your baby throughout





for discharge.

DARK GREEN, WHITE STRIPE

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care for your baby when preparing

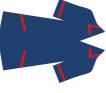
UNIT ASSISTANT

housekeeping duties. I help the nursing staff with LIGHT GREEN, WHITE STRIPE



MATRON

oversee the quality of patient care on the ward. I am a registered nurse and I NAVY, WHITE STRIPE



LEAD NURSE

NAVY, RED STRIPE

ensuring the maintenance of professional leadership for the NICU clinical quality. I am a registered nurse and I provide



NAVY, PALE BLUE STRIPE **SPECIALIST NURSE**

delivering specialist aspects of the responsibility for planning and patient care. I am a registered nurse and I have



NAVY, AQUA STRIPE ADVANCED NEONATAL **NURSE PRACTITIONERS**

management alongside the dependency and special care I diagnose and initiate treatment medical team. areas. I provide on going plans for your baby in the high

Keeping up to date

You will always be kept up to date and involved in your baby's care. Nursing staff will always give you an update, whether it's face to face or over the phone.

Your baby will have a named consultant. This consultant will be overseeing the care of your baby and follow your baby up after they have left the hospital/NICU. If you have any issues or would like to be updated by your consultant then please ask the nurse to arrange an appointment.

There are many consultants that work on the unit. These consultants rotate around the rooms on a weekly basis. If you have any issues or want a medical update about your baby then please talk to the consultant in the room. Being present at the daily ward round for your baby will also give you the opportunity to speak with the consultant for the week.

The NICU team

Although there are a lot of doctors and nurses that look after your baby, the unit is made up of different teams that you may receive support from during your stay on NICU:

- Family Support are here to offer their help during your stay, they will help with car parking, funding for transport if needed, benefit entitlement.
- The Pathway Co-ordinator will help co-ordinate the transfer of your baby either to another hospital or the children's ward.
- Transport team if your baby needs to be transferred in or out of this hospital, the transport team will look after your baby during transfer.
- The Feeding team will give you support and help with breast feeding or any other feeding issues you may have.
- The Inreach/Outreach team will come and see your baby at home when your baby is discharged.
- The **ROP Screening team** will screen your baby for Retinopathy of Prematurity (ROP) and provide treatment if necessary.
- Hearing Screening team all babies discharged from hospital have a hearing screen and this team will undertake the test on your baby.
- The Bereavement team support bereaved families on the unit and at home.
- The Unit Counsellor provides formal or informal support/ counselling.
- Other specialist doctors and nurses.

Dieticians, physiotherapists, speech and language therapists, radiographers/radiologists, pharmacists and student nurses/midwives also work on the unit as part of the multi-disciplinary team. The staff from these teams will introduce themselves to you and explain what they do on the unit.

Hand washing and infection control

Anyone who comes to see your baby, including you, must gel their hands at the front desk, wash their hand in the room and then gel them again before they touch your baby.

As premature and sick babies are vulnerable to infection it is important that we maintain a high standard of hand hygiene. If anyone has a cough, cold, any kind of infection or has been exposed to chicken pox, please discuss this with your nurse before they come to visit. This is to protect your baby.

The first line of defence.....clean hands!

Follow these seven simple steps when washing your hands before and after entering a clinical area



Teddies and blankets – you are more than welcome to bring in teddies and blankets for your baby to use, however we do ask that there is just one teddy in the incubator with your baby. We ask that teddies and blankets are washed weekly to prevent any risk of infection to your baby.

Visiting your baby

We encourage you to be with your baby as often as you can, and we encourage you to take part in your baby's cares.

Ward rounds in the Intensive Care rooms occur between 9.00 am – 11.30 am. At this time we will ask that you leave the room in order to protect the confidentiality of other babies, however you are welcome to be present when the doctors are reviewing your baby. Please ask your nurse about the 'buzzer system' and being around for that time.

Other relatives and visitors are welcome to visit you and your baby whilst on the NICU, but you or your partner must be present with them. Please respect other babies and their families by not looking at other babies in the rooms. We ask all visitors (apart from parents) to leave NICU by 10.00 pm.

We ask that there are only 2 visitors at the cot side (including parents) as the rooms can get very busy. There is a waiting area for visitors in Reception so that we can keep the corridors clear for staff to use.

No children under 16 may visit unless they are your baby's siblings – this is to protect your baby from infection.

We aim to give babies a period of complete rest between 2.00 pm – 3.00 pm; we ask that only parents/carers visit during quiet time.

Facilities for parents

We have a kitchen and sitting room for parents to use. In the kitchen there is a microwave and fridge – please label food that you put in the fridge. There are also facilities to make a hot drink.



We have limited rooms available on the unit for parents to stay overnight and priority is given to those parents who have a baby requiring intensive care or for babies who are close to discharge. We encourage parents to stay overnight with their baby prior to going home.

There is further accommodation available within the hospital grounds at Ronald McDonald House. Nursing staff will discuss booking a room with you. Please be aware that availability of these rooms is limited and we may not be able to accommodate you, but we will try our best to help.





Caring for your baby (cares)

We understand that you, as parents, want to do as much as you can for your baby. Our NICU team are committed to family centred care. This means our nurses and doctors will help and support you adapt to becoming parents with a baby on NICU. Staff will help you become confident in looking after your baby appropriately for their individual needs. Staff will support you with:

- Nappy care.
- Eye care.
- Mouth care.
- Feeding breast/bottle/tube.
- Bathing.
- Dressing.

We do supply nappies for premature babies under the weight of 1.5kg, when your baby passes this weight or out grows the nappies we encourage you to bring in nappies and cotton wool (rather than wipes, which can cause skin sensitivities).

It is understandable that you will feel anxious when you begin to handle your baby, staff will help you feel confident and comfortable with this. Your baby will benefit from your closeness, hearing your voice and learning how you touch them and how you smell. When your baby is well enough they can come out for skin to skin – even if your baby is on the ventilator, as long as they are stable. Just ask the nurse who is looking after your baby.

There is a parent education guide for you to work through (see pages 18-19).

Feeding your baby

During your baby's stay with us they will be fed in different ways, depending on your baby's gestation, age, weight and how well they are.

Please remember, how you feed your baby is your decision. Please speak to the nursing and medical staff about how you want to feed your baby.

• Milk Feeds – babies can be fed with breast milk or formula milk. One of the best ways you can help your baby is by providing them with your breast milk. Your baby may be too small or too sick to begin breastfeeding, but you can still give them the best start by expressing your breast milk. This can be done by hand or using a pump. There are breast pumps on the unit for you to use; there are also pumps that we loan out to you so you can express at home. The cost of this is £20 for 4 weeks.





- If you wish to formula feed your baby, please speak to our NICU team about which milk will be best for your baby, depending on age, gestation and medical condition.
- Parental nutrition and IV fluids sometimes our babies are too small or too sick to have milk feeds. To make sure your baby is getting the right amount of nutrition they will receive some parental nutrition (TPN). This is fluid that goes into your baby's vein and provides them with all the fat, vitamins and minerals that they will need until we introduce milk feeds. Your baby will also receive some IV fluids called dextrose, this is sugary water with additives in it so that your baby doesn't get dehydrated.

If your baby needs TPN then they will need to have a long line. A long line is a fine plastic tube that is inserted into one of the baby's small veins in the arm or leg until it reaches a point where the veins are much larger, usually just outside the heart. The TPN can then be given through this line; because the line goes into a larger vein the risk of damage to the vein is much reduced. A long line can stay in place for several weeks if necessary, which reduces the number of times your baby needs to have a drip inserted.

If your baby is having milk but is too small to have it orally then they will have a feeding tube (nasogastric tube 'NGT' or orogastric tube 'OGT'). This will be passed through your baby's nose or mouth into the stomach, enabling your baby to receive milk.

Pain management

Nurses and doctors will be using a pain assessment tool, alongside observations to observe your baby for signs of pain, which will be shared with you. If you think your baby is in pain then comforting measures will be used, such as comfort holding, repositioning and non-nutritive sucking. Nurses may also give some sucrose (sugared water) to sooth your baby, or pain relief medications may be given. If your baby has had surgery then they will be prescribed pain relief; the effectiveness of this will be assessed using the pain assessment tool. You will get to know your baby very well, if you think that they are in pain then we encourage you to tell the nurses.

Tissue viability

Your baby's skin is very thin and fragile. Until their skin matures, it doesn't offer a good protective barrier and needs to be handled with care to prevent injury. Nurses continuously assess your baby's skin and may use preventative measures to prevent any friction/agitation from the equipment that we use on NICU. Please ask your nurse for further information and advice on your baby's skin.

Other important information

Consent – Any procedures, investigations or treatments will be discussed with you; certain procedures may require written consent. The medical team will explain everything to you to make sure you understand what you are consenting to. Consent must be given by the person who has 'legal' parental responsibility.

A mother automatically has parental responsibility for her child; a father has parental responsibility if they are married to the mother, or listed on the birth certificate. (For more information go to www.gov.uk/parental-rights-responsibilities).

Registering your baby's birth – you must register your baby's birth within six weeks of birth. Please inform the nursing staff once your baby is registered. If you have any questions about registering your baby then please ask the nurses looking after your baby.

Research – our neonatal unit is very keen on clinical research. We believe that research helps us improve the care we give to babies and their families and can increase their chances of healthy survival. During your baby's stay on NICU you may be approached by our research team or doctors about including your baby in the research trials that are on-going. Please be assured that the care you receive will not be affected if you choose not to take part in research studies.

Zero Tolerance Policy – we are committed to the safety and well-being of our patients and staff. Please treat others with the courtesy and respect that you wish to receive. Verbal abuse, physical abuse and harassment are not acceptable and will not be tolerated.

Security – the doors to NICU are always locked, this is for your baby's safety. Please use the doorbell to gain access to the unit. You will be asked to identify yourself before someone lets you in – again this is for your baby's safety.

The Trust is not responsible for the loss of your valuables. There are lockers in reception for you to put your valuables in. Please speak to the ward clerks if you wish to use a locker.

Please do not let anyone onto the unit that you don't know and do not allow 'tailgating'. All visitors must use the doorbell to access the unit and report to reception.

Car parking – whilst your baby is on NICU you will not have to pay for car parking. Please speak to the ward clerks or our Family Support team to arrange this for you.

GP – before your baby is discharged they must be registered with your GP. This is so that information about your baby's stay on NICU can be sent to your GP, should they need it. Failure to register with a GP will delay your baby's discharge.

Mobile Phones – please switch mobile phones onto silent mode. Feel free to take pictures of your baby, if you need to use your phone for a phone call please go to the reception area to avoid disturbing other families.

Parent support and wellbeing – for you as parents it is important that you look after yourselves as well as your baby. We understand that this will be a very stressful time and we want to support you through this difficult time. We have a counsellor for the unit who is available for formal or informal support. There are also parent support groups that are advertised in reception and around the unit. Please use these groups as they are here to support you and for you to help support other parents.

There is also a Chaplaincy Service and Multi-Faith rooms available for you to use. The prayer rooms are available on: Ground Floor – opposite Children's Out-patients and First Floor – opposite PICU. The multi-faith centre is on the ground floor in the MRI where spiritual support is available on demand for most faiths.

Transfer to other Neonatal Units or Paediatric Wards

Saint Mary's NICU is a regional unit and we often have babies brought here from other neonatal units around the North West region. When your baby's needs can be met at your local unit, we will prepare you and your baby for transfer closer to home.

If your baby has long term needs, it may be appropriate for your baby to be transferred to a ward at Royal Manchester Children's Hospital where there is the specialist team your baby may need. Before your baby is transferred you will have the opportunity to go and see the ward and meet the staff that will be looking after your baby.

Our Pathway Co-ordinator is happy to discuss any planned transfers and can arrange a visit to the ward/unit.

Preparing for home

Going home is a very exciting time for you and your family. We want to make sure that you are prepared and confident in taking your baby home. On page 20 there is a Passport for you to work through in preparation for home.

Neonatal Outreach Team

As well as your Health Visitor, you will be followed up by the Outreach Team a day or two after discharge. This is to make sure you and your baby are settling in and for you to ask any questions you may have. You may have a few visits from the outreach team to review your baby's progress.

Parent education guide

Education skill for parents	Completed	Date
Important information		
Unit orientation		
Visiting policy		
Hand washing		
Expressing breast milk		
Update from senior doctor		
Development care		
Comfort holding/ recognising stress cues		
Kangaroo care and skin to skin		
Quiet time - noise and light		
Feeding cues		

Education skill for parents	Completed	Date
Cares		
Eye and mouth		
Nappy change		
Temperature control		
Bathing		
Safe sleeping		
Feeding		
Hand expressing		
Use of breast pump		
Cleaning and sterilising equipment		
Care and storage of breast milk		
Tube feeding information and guidance		
Bootle feeding		
Making up formula		

Parent Passport

This parent passport is to help you prepare to take your baby home. Please ask your nurse for more information.							
Red Book discussed							
Breastfeeding/expressing discussed							
Sterilising discussed							
Take home medication ordered							
Medication demo/side effects discussed							
Bathing demonstration							
Safe sleeping discussed							
Resuscitation demonstration							
Hearing screen							
Rooming in							
Registered at GP							
Immunisations							
Follow up arrangements							
Breast milk removed from fridge/freezer							
Breast pump returned							
Patient tracker completed							

Other information on your baby's discharge

Ask your nurse to answer the following questions:

What medicines will my baby go home with?
Why is my baby having this medicine?
Are there any medication side effects that I need to watch out for?
Who should I contact if I am worried about my baby following discharge?
Should your baby become unwell seek medical advice from your GP or nearest Accident & Emergency department.
If your baby is so ill that you think he/she needs urgent medical help, don't hesitate to call 999. You will be asked which emergency service you need and will then be put through to an ambulance controller.
Your community health professional is:
Other useful contacts:

Weight conversion chart

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My baby's weight journey

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My baby's diary

Most parents like keeping a little diary of their baby's progress, here is just a starting off point. Feel free to carry on with your own diary.

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Please use this space to write down any questions or concerns you may have

Abbreviations that you might see or hear on NICU

Equipment

ETT - Endo Tracheal Tube

NGT – Nasogastric Tube

OGT - Orogastric Tube

UAC – Umbilical Arterial Catheter

UVC – Umbilical Venous Catheter

Ventilation

BiPAP - Biphasic Positive Airway Pressure

CPAP - Continuous Positive Airway Pressure

HFOV - High Frequency Oscillation Ventilation

NO - Nitric Oxide

SIMV - Synchronized Intermittent Mandatory Ventilation

Monitoring

BP - Blood Pressure

HR - Heart Rate

RR – Respiratory Rate

SaO2 – Oxygen Saturations

Blood tests

ABG – Arterial Blood Gas

BM - Blood Glucose

CBG – Capillary Blood Gas

CRP – C-Reactive Protein (infection level)

FBC – Full Blood Count

HB – Haemoglobin

LFT – Liver Function Tests

PKU – Phenyl Ketone Urea (newborn blood spot)

SBR – Serum Bilirubin (jaundice level)

U&E – Urea and Electrolytes

Medical conditions

CDH – Congenital Diaphragmatic Hernia

CLD – Chronic Lung DiseaseEBM – Expressed Breast Milk

IUGR – Intra Uterine Growth Reduction

NEC – Necrotising enterocolitis PDA – Patent Ductus Arteriosus

PROM - Prolonged Rupture of Membranes

ROP – Retinopathy of Prematurity

SDLD – Surfactant Deficient Lung Disease

SVIA – Self Ventilating in Air

TOF/OA – Tracheo-Oesophageal Fistula/Oesophageal Atresia

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If you would like to provide feedback you can:

- Ask to speak to the ward or department manager.
- Write to us: Patient Advice and Liaison Services, 1st Floor, Cobbett House, Manchester Royal Infirmary, Oxford Road, Manchester, M13 9WL
- Log onto the Patient Opinion website www.patientopinion.org.uk/ – click on 'Tell Your Story'

If you would like to discuss a concern or make a complaint:

- Ask to speak to the ward or department manager they may be able to help straight away.
- Inpatients can speak to a senior nurse or manager by contacting the Tell Us Today service on (0161) 701 1999.
- Contact our Patient Advice and Liaison Service (PALS) –
 Tel: (0161) 276 8686 e-mail: pals@cmft.nhs.uk. Ask for our information leaflet.

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