

YORKSHIRE NEONATAL TRANSPORT SERVICE

Operating Service

To clarify:

- Monday to Friday from 8am until 10pm.
- Two transport teams available during the day
 - one for acute transports
 - one for back transfers and non-ventilated transports
- Over night and weekends
 - There is availability of a transport nurse but depending on medical availability we may or may not be able to help move babies in acute emergencies. Stable / non-acute transfers should ideally not occur overnight.
- We are carrying out **non-acute transfers** (ie non-ventilated babies) into and out of Leeds, between Yorkshire Network hospitals and out of region- new extended service
- Babies who are ventilated and therefore classed as **acute transfers**, are still only being moved into the Leeds Teaching Hospital Trust- as previous service
- The nurses shift times at present are: 07.30-20.00, 19.30- 08.00. There may be a delay if referrals occur around 18.00 as by the time the team and ambulance are mobilised it is sometimes logistically better for the night team to carry out the transfer. This will be discussed at time of referral.
- Background information must be communicated by the referring hospital to the receiving unit, prior to the transport team arriving. The transport team is not responsible for handing over the baby's full medical history.

The change in the times for the Transport Team does rely on units referring early, following the stabilization guidelines and keeping babies stable until the Transport Team is able to retrieve them- this applies to all babies, both acute and non-acute.