

Women and Children Services

Transitional Care Unit



Patient information
Leaflet for Parents

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CONGRATULATIONS ON THE BIRTH OF YOUR BABY!

What is Transitional Care?

Transitional care is for babies who need a little more nursing care and monitoring. It supports babies to stay with their mum rather than going to the Special Care Baby Unit so that mum can be the main carer.

Where is the Transitional Care Unit (T.C.U)?

The T.C.U is on Ward 27 within the maternity unit. It is staffed by midwives, Assistant Practitioners and Maternity Support Workers who have developed special skills in the field of transitional care.

Why will my baby be admitted to the Transitional Care Unit?

Your baby maybe admitted to T.C.U for several reasons for example;

- babies born 4-5 weeks early
- your baby may be small
- your baby may need help to keep warm or with feeding
- your baby may need phototherapy (light treatment) for jaundice
- your baby may need treatment with Antibiotics.

Each baby will be assessed by the neonatal team for admission to T.C.U.

What happens now I've been admitted to the Transitional Care Unit?

The main aim of T.C.U is for you as parents to be fully involved in your baby's care. You will be fully involved in the planning and care of your baby, including help with feeding. This will be discussed with you at the time. A Senior Paediatrician (baby doctor) will review your baby daily.

How long will I need to stay on the Transitional Care Unit?

The length of stay depends on your baby's progress. Average between 5 –14 days.

Equipment used on T.C.U

The staff will show you how to use any equipment that is needed for the care of your baby.

Visiting Hours

9am to 8.30pm	Partners (one only) and patients own children
2.30pm to 4.30pm	General visiting (up to 3 people at a bed at any one time)
6.30pm to 8.30pm	

The above are the only visiting times. Please inform family and friends to save unnecessary trips. To help protect your baby against infection, we do not allow children under 12 years except for siblings

Please ensure your visitors maintain strict hand washing/use of gel when visiting.

If visitors are unwell please ask them not to visit as these babies are small and vulnerable.

Security

All babies wear 2 identity bands on their ankles, these bands have mum's name and baby's date and time of birth on them. If these fall off, please ask a member of staff to replace them immediately. Ward 27 is locked at all times and access is gained only by an intercom system, please do not allow anyone to follow you onto the ward. Please ask your visitors to be patient this system is for the safety of babies on this unit.

If you have any concerns/questions about yourself or your baby please speak to a member of staff.

Contact Numbers

Transitional Care Unit 0161 922 6181/6180

Other Useful Contacts Or Information

Patient Information Centre 0161 922 5332

Other contact numbers can be found in your hand held maternity notes

If you have any questions you want to ask, you can use this space below to remind you

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