

CPG0165 Breastfeeding the Vulnerable Newborn

Appendix 1 - Criteria for admission or re-admission of a baby under the paediatric unit to the postnatal ward

- Baby currently on postnatal ward requiring delayed discharge from postnatal episode after mother discharged e.g.
 - Late preterm or early term baby (36+0 to 38 completed weeks gestation)
 - Birth or current weight less than 2500gm
 - Small for gestational age
 - Congenital abnormalities e.g. cleft lip and palate, Downs Syndrome
- Baby is less than 14 days of age. Readmissions over 14 days of age need paediatric consultant and ANUM Maternity Unit approval
- Any baby transferred from Special Care Nursery to Post Natal Ward
- Feeding issues not requiring nasogastric tube feeding
- Not requiring oxygen saturation, cardiac or apnoea monitoring
- Not requiring intravenous infusion or intravenous medications
- Mother is able to remain in postnatal ward 24 hours a day
- No indications as [CPG 0077 Special Care Nursery Admission, Discharge and Transfer Criteria](#)
- Physiological jaundice requiring phototherapy
- Neonatal abstinence syndrome scoring for 7 day observation period at discretion of paediatric medical staff and ANUM maternity unit.
- Other medical concerns requiring additional length of stay or re-admission of a baby

Before admission to postnatal, paediatric medical staff must discuss with ANUM Maternity unit and ANUM SCN regarding the most appropriate place of admission for baby, including issues regarding bed and staffing availability, and the ability of the mother to remain 24 hours per day on the postnatal ward.