

The Neonatal Transfer Service

The ambulance that comes to collect your baby will be specially designed and equipped with the necessary specialist equipment to provide intensive care for sick newborn babies.

Your baby will be placed in an incubator to keep it warm, will have its heart rate, breathing and blood pressure monitored and may require equipment to help with breathing.

This will ensure a safe transfer to the unit that will care for your baby.

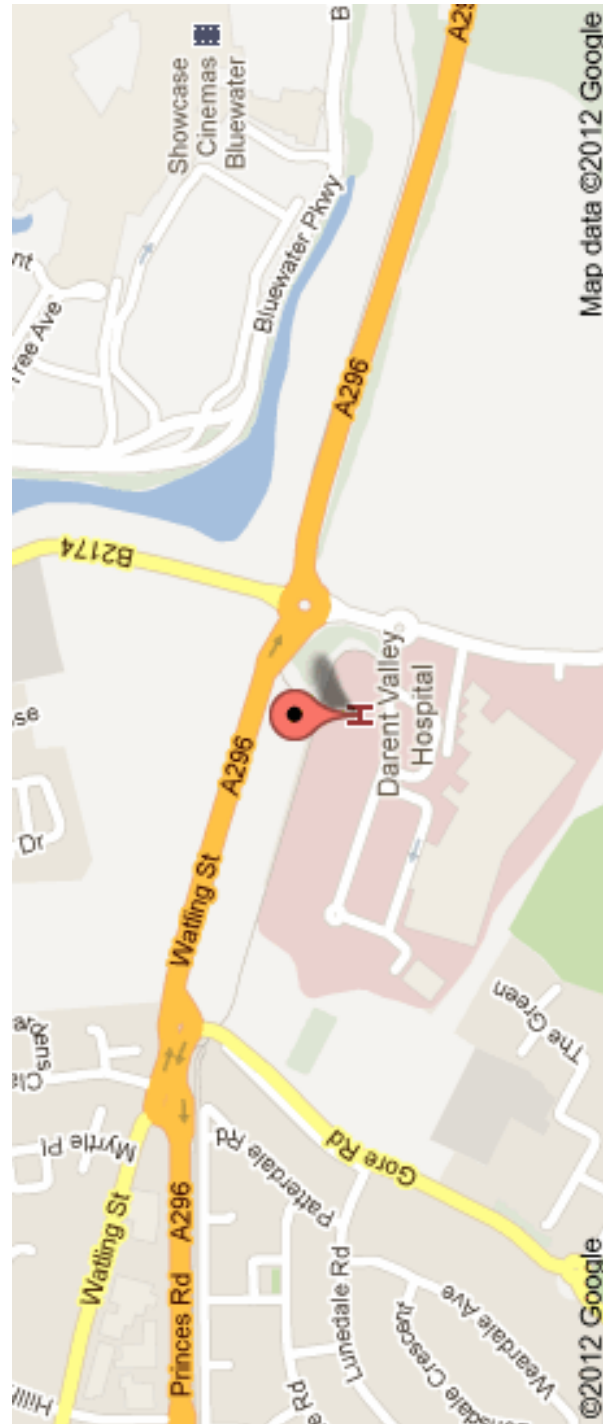
The transport team will all be specialists in the care of sick, newborn babies and will include a doctor or an advanced neonatal nurse practitioner, a senior neonatal nurse and a Paramedic. They will all have undertaken specialist transport training.

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Neonatal Transport Service
for *London*

Parent Information Leaflet

Darent Valley Hospital

Special Care Baby Unit

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Dartford,
Kent
DA2 8DA

(Map on the back page)

Tel: 01322 428 100 (ext 8986)

<http://www.kentandmedway.nhs.uk>

Information on about the Neonatal Unit and local Amenities

Parking

The hospital is well signposted from the Junction 2 of the M25 and from Dartford Town Centre. On site car parking is available. There is a weekly pass that allows unlimited access to the carpark.

By rail

The nearest station is Dartford station. All the buses below stop at either the station or in Holmes Gardens - just a short walk from the station. Greenhithe station is nearby but there are no direct bus services to the hospital.

By London underground

N/A

By bus

The following buses stop in the hospital grounds:

- **428** from Erith via Dartford
- **477** Orpington /Swanley to Bluewater via Dartford
- **476** Swanley to Bluewater via Dartford
- **423** Dartford to New Ash Green
- **490** Gravesend to Dartford

For information about local bus times contact Arriva on 01322 226187.

Cash points

Inside the hospital main entrance. Can use Eurocard, Visa, Mastercard, Link, Cirrus and Plus.

Catering/refreshments

Hospital restaurant on Level 1, open 0715 – 2000.

Upper Crust at main entrance on Level 2, open 0800- 2000.

Hospital Description

Darent Valley is a modern hospital located in north Kent offering an extensive range of acute, mainly hospital based health care services.

Our professional and friendly staff strive to provide expert care in comfortable surroundings to all of our patients. We also work closely with our local community to improve the standards of our services.

We welcome all patients, both locally and further afield including the Bexley area.

Neonatal Unit / Special Care Baby Unit (SCBU)

The neonatal unit care for newborn babies who are either preterm or require a higher level of medical and nursing care following birth. The unit is the result of much hard work by the neonatal team to create both an environment that is a pleasure to work in and one that allows us to provide the highest standard of care for our babies and their families..

Walnut, the Special Care Baby Unit (SCBU) has 24 cots including 4 high dependency cots. There are also facilities for parents to stay with their babies before discharge. The SCBU has superb new equipment and specially trained staff to give babies needing treatment an enhanced level of care which includes new Incubators and Cardiographs, that show how the baby is progressing in the womb.

There are parents facilities on the ward which enable parents to room in with their babies prior to taking them home. We admit preterm babies of more than 30 weeks gestation; sick term babies and referrals from tertiary units of babies who have required long term intensive care. Continuing professional development is encouraged with members of staff currently undertaking mentor development and neonatal intensive care courses.