

## ***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.

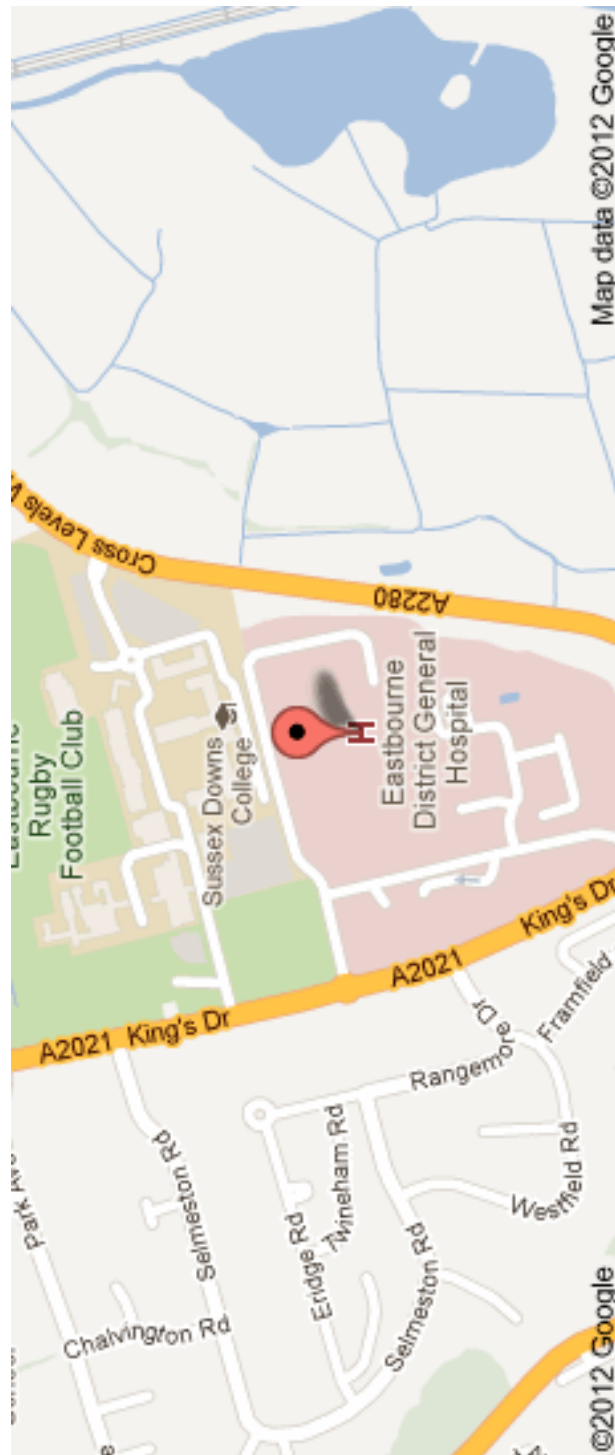
The transport team will all be specialists in the care of sick, newborn babies and will include a doctor or an advanced neonatal nurse practitioner, a senior neonatal nurse and a Paramedic. They will all have undertaken specialist transport training.

To contact our service:

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[www.neonatal.org.uk](http://www.neonatal.org.uk)



Neonatal Transport Service  
for *London*

**Parent Information Leaflet**

## **Eastbourne District General Hospital**

### **Special Care Baby Unit**

Kings Drive  
Eastbourne  
East Sussex  
BN21 2UD

**(Map on the back page)**

**Tel: 01323 417400 Ex 4393 / 4026**

<http://eshospitals/homeesh/Eastbourne/default.htm>

## Information on about the Neonatal Unit and local Amenities

### Parking

The public car parks are pay and display and cost £1.70 for three hours or £3.40 per day. Please leave extra time to find a space at peak times, as parking on site can be difficult. Spaces for disabled drivers/holders of blue car badges are available free of charge and are close to all entrances.

### By rail

Eastbourne Station is approximately 1.5 miles from the Hospital. Main line trains from Victoria run regularly to Eastbourne.

Train timetables. For train times look at: [Network Rail Website](#)

### By bus

District General Hospital No: 53 calls in Grounds: 5.126 Stops on Kings Drive: 1A.2.4.4A.50.50A, 51.51A.52.54.54A, 98.CCB

### Cash points

Cash line machines are available at the local shops. Cash points are also available at the local Sainsbury's which is a short car journey.

### Catering/refreshments

Hospital Restaurant provides main meals and snacks

### Local catering outlets/shops

Friends of the hospital operate a café and shop that are open daily.

### Access to Religious Support

Chaplaincy Services - Eastbourne DGH - (01323) 417400 ext 4145

### Access to interpreters

Interpreters are booked by the nursing staff.

### Midwifery care available for mum

Mum would be cared for on the midwifery day unit or in the SCBU if mum is a resident.

### Availability of PALS/Patient's Advocacy Service

**Opening hours:** 10.00am to 4.00pm Monday to Friday

**Telephone:** (01323) 435886 and leave a message.

**Email:** [palse@esht.nhs.uk](mailto:palse@esht.nhs.uk)

### Description of Neonatal Unit

We have 7 special care cots on the neonatal unit.

### Visiting for siblings and others

Parents, siblings and grandparents can visit freely, other relatives can visit by making arrangement with staff, this depends on workload and space in the unit, they must be accompanied by a parent and they must avoid handover times and Doctors rounds.

### Facilities & Accommodation for parents

Mothers have access to toilets and a shower, Dads and visitors can use a toilet in an adjoining corridor. There is a drinks vending machine on the post natal ward next door to the neonatal unit. (7 drinks free per day), Quite sitting room with TV, Video and DVD for siblings.

Accommodation – there are some rooms on the post natal ward that would accommodate couples. Healthy mums can stay in a 4 bed bay on the unit, and Dads can sleep on a sofa bed in the quiet room.