NORTH EAST & CUMBRIA TRANSPORT AND RETRIEVAL

NECTAR Paediatric Acute Transfer Pathway

Paediatric Acute Referral

Telephone NECTAR 01912826699

Initial referral information NECTAR requires:

- Referrer details -name, position, hospital, phone number
- Child's details-name, weight, D.O.B, infection control issues, safeguarding, address, GP surgery, NHS number, provisional diagnosis

In an emergency please state **"Life Threatening Emergency"** at outset in which case we will proceed to conference call with minimal information.

Conference call

- NECTAR practitioner/admin will add you to call conference - please follow automated instructions
  - All conference calls are recorded for governance and training purposes.
- NECTAR Medic & transport practitioner ± sub-speciality in the conference call
  - use referral proforma for exchange of information
  - use ABCDE.. or SBAR if possible
- Telephone triage follows with decision support and advice given regardless of bed state

NECTAR Team immediately unavailable

- NECTAR Team immediately unavailable to clinical reasons.
- NECTAR internal pathway to be activated under the leadership of the co-ordinator and the Lead Consultant to ensure DGH is supported with timely advice and the patient is transferrred in a timely manner.

PICU bed avalilability

- NECTAR Consultant to call PICU_GNCH Consultant to give details and confirm patient acceptance
- **If no PICU bed available then NECTAR Coordinator & Consultant -**
  - To look at next nearest available PICU bed in country
  - To ensure local and regional escalation/decompression pathways are activated.
  - To liaise with supra-regional paediatric transport services to ensure patient is accepted to the appropriate PICU.
  - NECTAR Lead nurse notified.

Accepted for Transfer

- NECTAR confirm patient acceptance for transfer and provide DGH with ETA and emergency contact number
- NECTAR Team to mobilise within 60mins of decision to transfer.
- NECTAR aim to be at patient bedside with 180mins

DGH process

- NECTAR team to get a handover from Consultant/s responsible for patient at DGH
- NECTAR registrar to relay patient status to NECTAR consultant within 30mins of arrival and discuss management plan.
- NECTAR team to call HQ and provide coordinator/consultant with update on progress after 90min with patient.
- NECTAR and DGH team to stabilise and prepare the patient for transfer
- Team ensure that patient's family are updated and receiving unit info provided.
- Team to provide receiving PICU with clinical update and ETA at the time of departure.

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