

NECTAR Paediatric Practitioner-led Transfer Pathway

Paediatric 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
- Has the patient been accepted to a confirmed bed with the details of the hospital and ward
- NECTAR able to offer practitioner led transfers upto 2200hrs for the entire region **but beyond this a single overnight team can offer the service within a 30min radius of NECTAR HQ**

Non-acute Triage Tool

- NECTAR practitioner to complete **Non-acute Triage tool**
- If patient scores <3 - practitioner to undertake transfer
- But any practitioner concerns = discussion with the coordinator
- Score >3 patient or patient potentially needs more stabilisation time = **discussion with coordinator**
- Score >4 escalate to NECTAR medic - potential acute transfer = follow **Acute patient transfer pathway**
- Any Triage tool observation red flags = automatic referral to NECTAR medic

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
- **Follow acute transfer pathway**

Accepted for Transfer

- NECTAR confirm patient acceptance with receiving team and provide DGH with ETA
- NECTAR team **unavailable**
- Offer DGH an alternative time when the next team is available
- DGH to consider using NEAS if clinically appropriate
- **If no bed available - notify DGH**
- Patient continues to receive sub-speciality advice pending admission
- Region in surge - refer to NENC ODN **Decision tool for decompression**

DGH Process

- NECTAR team to get a handover from referring team.
- If patient condition changed/scoring higher than original triage
- NECTAR practitioner to notify DGH consultant then
- call NECTAR medic/coordinator and conference call to be set up - see above
- Prepare photocopy of notes/results/discharge letter prior to transfer
- Team ensure that patient's family are updated and receiving unit info is provided.
- NECTAR and DGH team to prepare the patient for transfer
- Team provide receiving unit with clinical update and ETA at the time of departure.