

North East and North Cumbria Paediatric Critical Care & Surgery in Children Operational . Delivery . Network

NENC Decompression Pathway (0800-2100)

Identify need for Decompression

- DGH under surge- follow Decompression Decision Tool
- •Internal escalation measures followed
- Appropriate escalation as per local surge plan
- •24 hour units to escalate when normal referral pathways exhausted

Identify **Appropriate Patients**

- Guiding principle: the sickest, highest acuity patient is not the patient to move
- Board round identifying combination of appropriate patients for decompression
- •Higher acuity patients who are stable/in recovery phase eg D7 Bronchiolitis on HHFNC
- •Lower acuity patients who are not pre discharge eg LRTI on oxygen, child on iv antibiotics
- •Senior decision maker to contact NECTAR. Consultant must be aware of decompression.

Call to NECTAR

- Confirms criteria for decompression reached and current nursing acuity ratios
- Provide Patient details:
- •Name, age, home postcode, infection status (need for cubicle), safeguarding/social issues
- Diagnosis and current nursing intervention eg infusions, Humidified High Flow Oxygen, oxygen
- Any identified concerns regarding patient selection will be addressed at this point

NECTAR finds beds

- NECTAR Identifies next nearest bed to patient's home address
- NECTAR obtains provisional acceptance from receiving hospital at declared patient acuity
- NECTAR contacts referring hospital and conveys location of provisional beds
 - Out of Hours, NECTAR may be able to help depending on situation and admin staffing

Clinical Details

- Referring hospital to contact receiving hospital and handover patient
- •No call conference needed
- Any clinical concerns at this point may be escalated to a formal NECTAR referral and conference call

shared

- NECTAR Transferring (0800-2100):
- Call 0191 282 6699- give details of acceptance as per Practitioner led non-acute transfer process

Transfer

- NEAS transfer- referring hospital to call 999
- •assess safety of transfer: not suitable for HHFNC or continuous infusions
 - Ensure child is prepared for transfer and has the appropriate paperwork

In all instances complete an Exception Form