

Transfers to Birthcare from National Women's

Birthcare's intent is to support the staff at National Women's Health Service, by providing care for the women birthing within your facilities.

Primary Births

Women who have had a vaginal delivery should usually transfer to Birthcare within 12 hours of the birth. Ideally the mother and baby should transfer directly from delivery suite. In these circumstances this usually occurs within 4 to 5 hours. Most transfers of mothers and babies from NWH to Birthcare should be in this category i.e. within 4 to 5 hours.

Transfers of mothers and babies from NWH to Birthcare who have had a vaginal delivery after 12 hours of the birth are acceptable in certain circumstances:

- Where review by the Secondary Care Service is required, either for the mother, or the baby.
- To enable the mother and baby to be reviewed by the Registrar during the morning ward round.
- To facilitate a transfer during daylight

In these circumstances transfers from NWH to Birthcare will be a few hours over the 12 hours guideline. This is an acceptable practice.

Caesarian Births or Secondary Care

Women who have had a caesarian section or secondary care should usually transfer to Birthcare within 24 hours of the birth.

Transfers of mothers and babies from NWH to Birthcare who have had a caesarian section or secondary care can be extended to around 36 hours post delivery in the following circumstances:

- Where review by the Secondary Care Service is required, either for the mother, or the baby prior to transfer back to Lead Maternity Carer (LMC)
- To enable the mother and baby to be reviewed by the Registrar during the morning ward round.
- To facilitate a transfer during daylight

If you are unsure whether a mother or baby can be transferred due to a problem or care need please do not hesitate to contact Birthcare and discuss this with Rhonda Jackson or the Coordinator for the shift – Tel. 374 0800. Your contact is welcomed.

Non-NZ resident women will be required to pay the full Birthcare schedule of fees (not subsidized by ADHB) on arrival for the planned length of stay.

Birthcare acceptance criteria:

In general all women clinically stable and within timeframes agreed
All vaginal births under primary care LMC, Community Midwives & Domino Midwives Scheme
Caesarian section births when transferred back to primary care and LMC

Pain relief available at Birthcare:

M-Eslon	Voltaren
Sevredol	Nurofen
Tramadol	Ponstan
Pethidine	Panadol

For mothers requiring pain relief please send through medication chart with time of last medication recorded.

Birthcare accepts women who have:

Intravenous lines
Intravenous antibiotics
Urinary indwelling catheters
Third degree tears (physiotherapist service on site at Birthcare)
Women under the Maternal Mental Health Service
Women with gestational diabetes (diet & testing only or oral medication)
Women with stable hypertension (please send through their medication with them)
Multiple births
Breastfeeding problems
Postpartum hemorrhage at birth and now stable
Adoption mothers for parentcraft
Women who are Hepatitis B Positive

Birthcare accepts babies who have:

Slight jaundice (phototherapy with Kamed baby warmers is available at Birthcare)
Glucose monitoring of large for dates babies
Babies whose mothers developed gestation diabetes (stable but requiring monitoring)
Babies born with intrauterine growth retardation (>2400gms)
Feeding problems (after Paediatric assessment)
36 weeks gestation babies requiring extra monitoring