



GUIDELINE

Consultation in the NICU KEMH by Visiting Specialists

Scope (Staff):	Nursing and Medical Staff
Scope (Area):	NICU KEMH

Child Safe Organisation Statement of Commitment

CAHS commits to being a child safe organisation by applying the National Principles for Child Safe Organisations. This is a commitment to a strong culture supported by robust policies and procedures to reduce the likelihood of harm to children and young people.

This document should be read in conjunction with this [disclaimer](#)

Specialists at Perth Children's Hospital or other hospitals should only be consulted to see infants in the KEMH Neonatal Unit at the request of KEMH neonatal consultants or senior registrars.

If the senior registrar is contacting the outside specialist then the consult request must have been discussed with the KEMH Neonatologist covering.


There must be an accompanying e-referral stating which KEMH consultant has asked the visiting specialist to see the baby and the purpose of the consult.

Parents/Carers are to be informed that a consultation from a specialty service has been requested and the reason for the referral discussed.

When the visiting specialist comes to see the baby, the most senior member of the neonatal staff in the hospital (be that Neonatologist or Senior Registrar) should be notified and, if possible, accompany the visiting specialist during the consultation. If this is not possible, then the Neonatologist or Senior Registrar should make the visiting specialist aware that they are not able to attend at that time.

The visiting specialist should document their recommendations in the patient progress notes (MR420) including any follow up investigations or appointments. The neonatal consultant on service should be made aware of the recommendations.

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