

# Jaundice Referral From The Children's Clinical Decision Area (CCDA) Into The Children's Ambulatory Care Experience (ACE) Service

Neonate with jaundice who has been reviewed by a ST4/ ANP in CCDA and requires phototherapy for physiologic jaundice. The baby has been assessed as well AND has a referral bilirubin and parameters within ACE referral criteria (below) AND parents/ carers consent for home phototherapy

Call children's ACE service on **01274 27 3354**  
Provide the latest bilirubin level (and when taken), the method of feeding, and any concerns flagged up in the history or examination

**Is there capacity in ACE service?**

**Yes**

**No**  
→ usual care on ward

- Ensure parent/guardian has
1. A copy of children's ACE service information leaflet
  2. Verbal safety-net advice
  3. Consented to share information with ACE
  4. The CCDA contact number

Allow the infant home to await contact from the children's ACE service. This will be within 2 hours of initial referral to arrange home visit.

Additional input given at home visit by ACE team

- Support with feeding
- Parental confidence-building
- Monitoring effectiveness of treatment
- Identifying deterioration
- General health promotion e.g. smoking cessation advice

## Appropriate referral parameters

<b>Age</b>	Gestation ≥36 weeks and < 2 weeks old
<b>Respiratory Rate</b>	40-60
<b>Pre/post ductal saturations</b>	>94%
<b>Heart Rate</b>	120 - 160
<b>Conscious level</b>	Normal
<b>Temperature</b>	36.5-37.5
<b>Weight</b>	< 10 % weight loss
<b>Feeding</b>	3 hourly feeding; 8 feeds a day, normoglycaemia
<b>Stool</b>	Changing normal coloured stool- NOT white/pale

## Exclusions:

- Suspected jaundice < 24 hours of age
- Prematurity ≤ 37 weeks gestation
- Weight loss ≥ 10%
- Neonates > 13 days
- Conjugated fraction > 25 µmol/l
- Infant with large cephalohaematoma
- First degree relative with metabolic disorder
- First degree relative with liver disease
- Physiological parameters outside normal range
- Mother MRSA, C.Diff positive (or considered infectious from any other source)
- Family do not consent to undertake all safety checks and monitoring