

In utero transfers

General Principals

For babies that require a cot and baby has

- 1) A congenital cardiac anomaly
- 2) An extra-cardiac anomaly
- 3) Is less than 27 weeks

Then these babies need to be in the Royal Jubilee Maternity hospital, Belfast unless previously specified otherwise.

If baby does not have a congenital anomaly and is between 27 and 36 weeks, in general, you should seek a cot that is geographically closest to you but you ***must leave Belfast and Dublin as the last resort.***

You may already be aware of a unit that has abundant cot capacity and you may wish to try there initially. Otherwise, you should seek a cot closest to you, **leaving Belfast and Dublin as the last port of call.**

A general point of principal is that no unit should specifically “save a cot” for an upcoming delivery unless there are extenuating circumstances (e.g.: planned preterm placenta accreta delivery, imminent preterm delivery).

As a matter of courtesy, following delivery, there is an expectation that the Neonatal Unit at the referring hospital should repatriate baby as soon as is clinically possible.

If an in-utero transfer is made to Dublin, where baby does NOT have a cardiac anomaly, then you must:

- a) Provide the relevant leaflets and phone numbers to support the parents
- b) Notify Claire.McGinley@hscni.net by email for audit purposes by completing the monthly monitoring Out of Region Transfer return form.

These algorithms are not prescriptive and clinicians should use their judgement with regard to distance of travel. Clinicians should also use their judgement with regard to use of smaller units (e.g. a baby at 35 weeks may be suitable for delivery at the South Western Acute Hospital-SWAH). {Please check if correct}

Useful phone numbers:

Antrim hospital NNU: 94424170

Antrim hospital switchboard: 94424000

Ulster hospital NNU: 90567966

Ulster hospital switchboard: 9048 4511

Altnagelvin hospital NNU: 71611212

Altnagelvin hospital switchboard: 71345171

Craigavon hospital NNU: 3756230571

Craigavon hospital switchboard: 38334444

Royal Jubilee Maternity hospital NNU: 90632441

Royal Jubilee Maternity hospital switchboard: 90632150

Coombe Women's hospital Dublin NNU: 00 353 1 4085276

Coombe Women's hospital Dublin switchboard: 00 353 1 4085200

Rotunda Hospital Dublin NNU: 00 353 1 8733377

Rotunda Hospital Dublin switchboard: 00 353 1 8171700

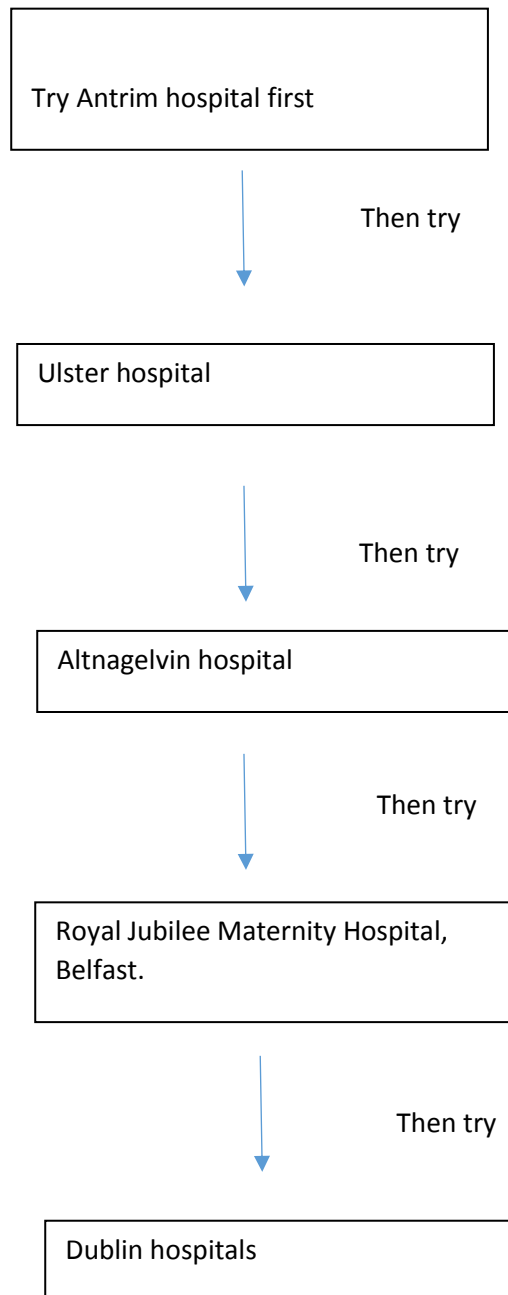
National Maternity hospital Dublin NNU: 00 353 1 6373414

National Maternity hospital Dublin switchboard: 00 353 1 6373100

NISTAR: 07825147266

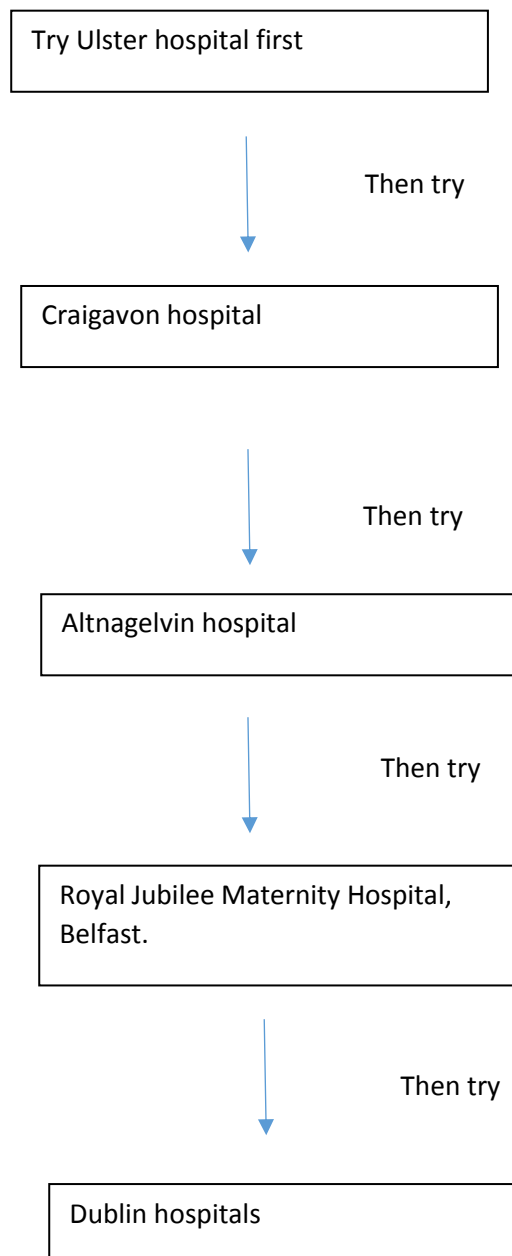
Algorithm if you are conducting an in-utero transfer from Craigavon

For babies with ***no congenital anomaly between 27 to 36 weeks***, we suggest you iterate through the following algorithm:



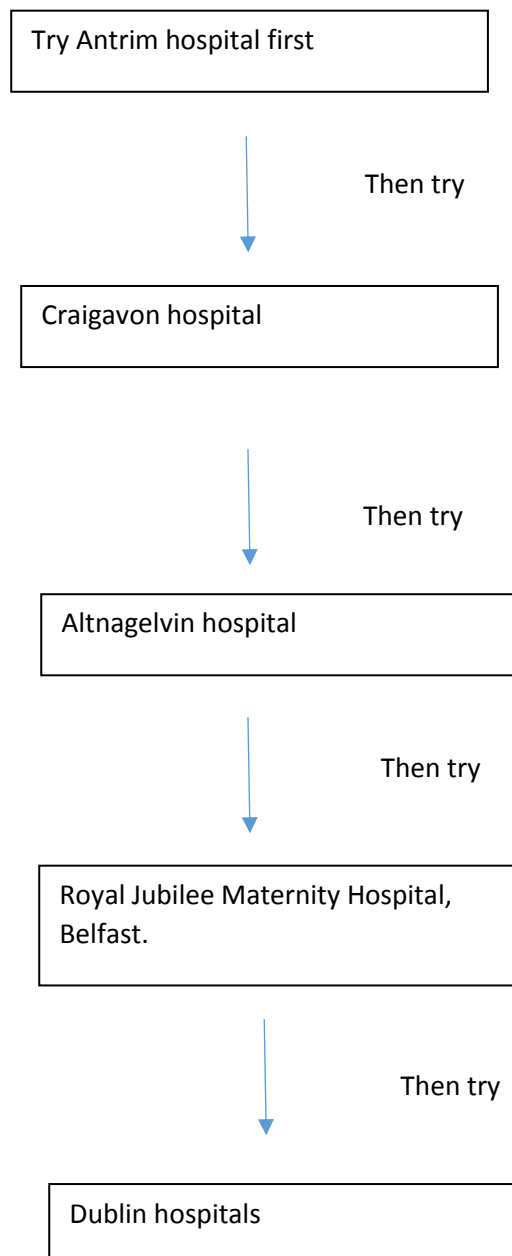
Algorithm if you are conducting an in-utero transfer from Antrim

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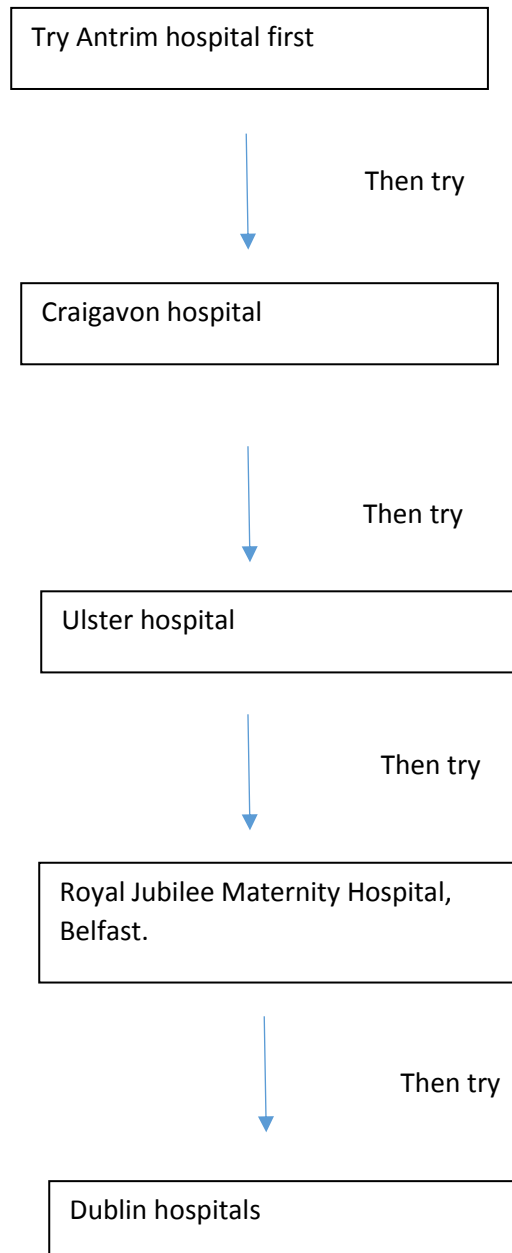
Algorithm if you are conducting an in-utero transfer from Ulster hospital

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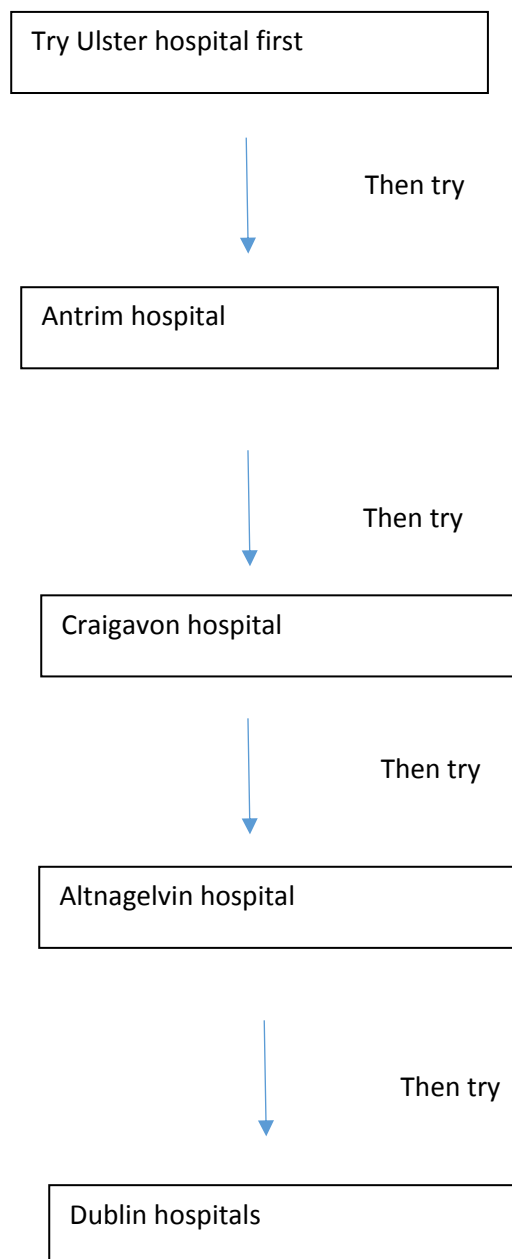
Algorithm if you are conducting an in-utero transfer from Altnagelvin hospital

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Algorithm if you are conducting an in-utero transfer from Royal Jubilee Maternity Hospital, Belfast

For babies with ***no congenital anomaly between 27 to 36 weeks***, we suggest you iterate through the following algorithm:



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