

**LOCAL ENHANCED SERVICE FOR
neonatal checks**

Service Level Agreement

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SIGNATURE

The practice will need to sign a combined single signature sheet for all Enhanced Services provided. This will constitute the agreement between the practice and the PCT in respect of all Enhanced Service, as specified within each individual Service Level Agreement

PRACTICE DETAILS

INTRODUCTION

All practices are expected to provide essential services and those additional services they are contracted to provide to all their patients. They are also encouraged to provide the Directed, National and Local Enhanced services to the populations they serve. The specification for this service is designed to cover the enhanced aspects of clinical care of the patient, which is beyond the scope of essential services.

SERVICE AIMS

This agreement is to cover the period commencing 1ST April 2009 to 31st March 2010.

To ensure that every newborn baby has a full and detailed physical examination. It is good practice to do this within 24 hours of birth and must be done within 7 days of birth.

CRITERIA

This Local Enhanced Service Specification details the following criteria. The following pages contain some further guidance from the PCT on expected processes, outcomes and deliverables based on this process. On aspiring to this service practices are required to submit plans under each of these items to the PCT.

- (i) Service Delivery
- (ii) Data Collection
- (iii) Training
- (iv) Liaison/Shared Care
- (v) Review/Audit

Criteria One: Service Delivery

Details

- The examination must be performed by a practitioner trained in the skills required to perform newborn examinations
- Skills should be practised and maintained.
- Appropriate referral should be made where there are questionable or abnormal findings
- The examination should preferably be performed in the presence of at least one parent and the findings recorded and explained.
- The examination should ideally be done within 24 hours of birth and must be done within 7 days of birth.

Criteria Two: Data Collection

Details

- 1) **production of an up-to-date register of examinations performed.** This is to be used for audit purposes.
- 2) **production of an appropriate GP record.** This should give information relating to
 - a) the maternal and medical and obstetric history
 - b) family and social history
 - c) history of the pregnancy, labour and delivery
 - d) a systematic examination of the neonate to include, size, weight and nutritional status, gestational assessment, skin, neurological, respiratory, cardiac, abdomen, periphery, hips, spine, head and neck

Criteria Three: Training

Details

- Professionals undertaking this service should have undertaken **appropriate training.**
- Those doctors who have previously provided services similar to the proposed enhanced service and who satisfy at appraisal and revalidation that they have such continuing medical experience, training and competence as is necessary to enable them to contract for the enhanced service shall be deemed professionally qualified to do so.

Criteria Four: Liaison/Shared Care

Details

- Practitioners undertaking this local enhanced service will work closely with colleagues from the paediatric and midwifery services and undertake to share locally agreed protocols where they exist.

Criteria Five: Review/Audit

Details

- The services delivered by this LES will be subject to clinical audit and monitoring will be carried out as part of the annual review of the contract and as part of review of this LES
- This could include an audit of:
 - the number of examinations performed
 - referral for further advice and outcomes.

ONGOING MEASUREMENT & EVALUATION

The ongoing measurement is outlined in the various criteria in the previous section. **The services provided and scope of this LES will be reviewed with the practice as part of the annual contract monitoring process.**

In addition the practice is required to agree with the PCT this service specification/plan at the start of the year.

FINANCE

This agreement is to cover the 12 months commencing 1st April 2009.

Practices will receive: -

£54.07 examination fee per patient