

Pathway 2: Midwife pathway

Set of baby labels printed with NHS bar-coded number and eye readable demographic details

Labels given to mother in delivery suite or in the postnatal ward within the PCHR.
If baby born at home, midwife to take labels to mother when she/he visits
Mother to keep labels in PCHR or with community records for community midwife, as per blood spot guidelines.

If baby transferred to NICU/SCBU/PICU within same unit, transferred out of area or to another unit within area please see pathway 7
Please transfer labels within PCHR

Midwife explains to mother what labels are for and how they will be used on discharge for blood spot screening

Labels to be applied to blood spot screening card at time of testing (not before)

Midwife visits on day 5 to perform the blood spot test. Discuss test with mother, gain consent, ask for labels – check details on labels with mother and apply a separate label to each sheet of the blood spot card.

Blood spot screening test performed

Midwife completes documentation.
Records test performed and test card sent to laboratory

Send completed blood spot card to screening laboratory within 24 hrs of sampling, ideally on the same day as collection

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