STAFF Train-to-Home -Explanatory notes for nurses & doctors



		BREATHING	FEEDING	GROWTH	TEMPERATURE	SLEEPING
RED NOT READY FOR HOME		 Any of these: On a Ventilator Breathing fast (more than 90 breaths per minute) CPAP and more than 30% oxygen As* and Bs* needing bagging in the past 24 hours IV caffeine 	 Any of these: No feeds by mouth or tube, or only very small feeds All or most of feeds intravenously Not yet coping with feeds (more than 50% of each feed not absorbed) 	 Any of these: Losing weight Weight more than 10% below birthweight 	 Any of these: Unstable temperature In "servo" incubator Incubator temperature above 33°C 	 Any of these: Sleeping on the front to help breathing Receiving medicine to make baby comfortable
YELLOW START PREPARING FOR SMALLER LINIT	OR HOME	 Any of these: CPAP and less than 30% oxygen Less than 90 breaths per minute Off CPAP less than 4 days Low flow oxygen As* and Bs* needing stimulation or repositioning only 	 Any of these: Coping with increasing feeds Less than half of feeds intravenously Occasional feeds not absorbed Changing from gastric tube 	 Any of these: Not yet gaining weight Gaining weight for less than 3 days 	 Any of these: Stable temperature Incubator temperature below 33°C Out of incubator for short periods 	 Any of these: Not yet sleeping on the back all of the time Awake periods are short
GREEN READY TO GO TO LOCAL SCBU OR HOME	Transfer to local SCBU	 Any of these: In air Off CPAP more than 4 days Stable in low flow oxygen Occasional As* and Bs* needing minimal stimulation Oral caffeine 	 Any of these: More than 80% of feeds by breast or bottle All feeds by breast, bottle or gastric tube 	All of these: • Gaining weight for 3 days or more	 Any of these: Temperature stable and in normal cot In "hot cot" 	 Any of these: Sleeping on the back all of the time Awake for all breast or bottle feeds
	Discharge home	 All of these: In air (no added oxygen) No As* and Bs* Off caffeine for at least 5 days Stable in low flow oxygen if going home on oxygen and parents have been trained in its use 	 All of these: Full feeds by breast or bottle If going home on tube feeds: stable on tube feeds and parents trained in tube feeding 	All of these: • Gaining weight for 3 days or more	All of these: • Temperature stable and in normal cot	All of these:Awake for all feedsSleeping on the back all of the time

As* and Bs* = short periods of stopping breathing (apnoea) and heart rate falling (bradycardia)