

# Core brief

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## Introduction

This issue of Core Brief details information on a Scottish Government news release on improving maternity and neonatal care.

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## Improving maternity and neonatal care

The Cabinet Secretary for Health and Sport has today announced that NHSGGC and NHS Ayrshire and Arran will be early adopters of the new model of care for intensive neonatal care, with the test sites to be the Neonatal Intensive Care unit at the Royal Hospital for Children and Crosshouse Hospital.

A joint group has now been established to begin to plan the new model which will see babies from Ayrshire and Arran receive their complex care in Glasgow and then return with clear, agreed pathways to their local neonatal unit when they no longer require highly specialist intensive care.

An NHSGGC working group has also been set up to take this forward locally and there will be regular updates to staff within neonatal care and maternity services as this progresses.

We are pleased to be working with NHS Ayrshire and Arran, staff and parents to implement the new model of care for neonatal intensive care to deliver a high quality, family centred service.

As an early adopter of the new recommended approaches we will lead the way in rolling out the new models of care for this highly specialised service. The learning from our experience will be used to support wider implementation throughout Scotland.

The babies who need complex care often remain within our neonatal intensive care unit for some time and families play a key role during that time, empowered and supported to work with us to care for their baby in, often, challenging circumstances.

Their views and experience will be a key consideration in helping us plan and shape the new model of care for NHSGGC and Ayrshire and Arran.

[Click here to read a copy of the press release from the Cabinet Secretary.](#)

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