Late preterm infants (35 and 36 weeks)

For those discharged home from post natal ward and not on MDSP program

- On discharge the post natal ward midwife will inform the early childhood liaison officer – who will then complete the data entry on Cerner that will flag the baby to central intake for a priority Child & Family Health Nurse (C&FHN) visit.
- Families should expect a C&FHN phone call within 48 hours to arrange a priority home visit. Families should be advised that there needs to be the ability to leave a message on their contact phone number.
- If weight gain and/or jaundice are of concern then the infant should be reviewed in the jaundice clinic which is run daily from 10 am in the Newborn Care follow up clinic. To book a baby into clinic requires: discussion with the Fellow on, a discharge summary or ref letter placed in the pink jaundice folder in the nursery and an appointment made with receptionist on 58760. The lactation consultants can be available at this clinic if required – page 55283 (On a weekend the family will need to enter the nursery and the Fellow on will be informed, on weekdays they should report to Newborn Care reception).
- If a family does not receive a home visit by C&FHN within 3 days of discharge the baby should be reviewed by the family’s general practitioner. If the family do not have a general practitioner they need to be assigned one prior to discharge and the GP informed.
- Newborn Family Support (NFST) may be able to provide follow up for infants who have been admitted to the post natal ward after at least 5 days nursery stay. This should be discussed on a case by case basis after consultation with NFST and the postnatal ward neonatologist.
- A full discharge summary should accompany the baby on discharge from SCN to PNW. This summary can then just be amended with the final discharge details by the post natal ward midwife on the baby going home.(This appears on Cerner as an addendum)

For those discharged home from Newborn Care

- NFST will provide follow up within the first 1 – 2 weeks of discharge if the family within area.
- Families should expect a call from NFST the day after discharge.
- NFST will complete the perinatal psychosocial referral form that will flag the baby to Early Childhood Liaison officer and central intake.
- If outside area and unable to be visited by NFST, NFST will still coordinate the C&FHN Referral.
- C&FHN will contact families within 48 hours of referral.
- If discharged on a weekend and weight gain and/or jaundice of concern then the infant can be reviewed in the jaundice clinic which is run daily from 10 am in the newborn follow up clinic as above. An early GP appointment should be organised. If the family do not have a general practitioner they need to be assigned one prior to discharge and the GP informed.

NB: For all infants – if there is concern after discharge about the baby being unwell the family need to contact the general practitioner or for greater concerns present at the hospital emergency department.