

REFERRAL PATHWAY FOR THE BABY WITH JAUNDICE

IS THE JAUNDICED BABY

- Less than 24 hours old?
- 2 weeks or more of age?
- Unwell?
- Does the baby have pale stools and/or dark urine?

If **yes** to any of these - **REFER IMMEDIATELY** to paediatrics

ALL OTHER BABIES WHO ARE

- Well and have pigmented stools¹

ASSESS AT 2 WEEKS OF AGE

Predominantly **breastfed** in last week²

Re-assessment at 3 weeks of age

Split bilirubin³ if still jaundiced

Predominantly **formula fed** in last week²

Split bilirubin **now**³

Conjugated fraction
≥20% of total bilirubin or ≥20mmols/L

Comprehensive GP assessment +/- discuss with local paediatric team⁴

NO

YES

Urgent telephone referral to local paediatric team within 24 hours

ADDITIONAL NOTES

1. Stools should be sighted by a healthcare professional
2. If unsure of feeding method please follow 'formula fed' pathway
3. Split bilirubin measures conjugated and unconjugated bilirubin
4. Consider differential diagnoses eg. breast milk jaundice, UTI, sepsis, hypothyroidism, other liver diseases

HEALTHY STOOLS	SUSPECT STOOLS
	
	
	
	
	