

Unsettled baby under 3 months pathway



Clinical support tool for remote clinical assessment

Clinical findings	Green – low risk	Amber – intermediate risk	Red – high risk
Behaviour	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Wakes for feeds as normal Settled for periods of time Strong normal cry 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sleepy or not consistently waking for feeds 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Unable to wake Persistently unable to settle Clinical concerns about nature of cry (weak, high pitched or continuous)
Tone	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Normal 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Stiff for prolonged periods or has any evidence of a seizure Floppy
Respiratory	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Normal pattern and rate 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Abnormal/fast breathing
Skin	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Normal skin colour Warm extremities 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pale / mottled / blue
Hydration	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Plenty of wet nappies 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Wet nappies reduced Signs of dehydration ie mouth dry, sunken fontanelle 	
Other	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No amber features 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Additional parent/carer concerns 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Has a temperature of $\geq 38^{\circ}\text{C}$ Rash that does not disappear with pressure

Green Action

[Provide "Crying baby under 3 months" safety netting advice](#)

Confirm they are comfortable with the decisions/ advice given

Always consider safeguarding issues.

Consider video consultation to offer further reassurance

Amber Action

For face to face review (consider if video consultation is appropriate).

If timely clinical review cannot be facilitated in primary care, low threshold for referral to ED.

Red Action

Refer immediately to emergency care – consider whether 999 transfer or parent/taxi most appropriate based on clinical acuity etc.