**Clinical Pathway for the administration of Home Intravenous Antibiotics for children**

**Patient assessed as suitable for home IV/IM antibiotic therapy:**

**Systemically well, with observations within normal limits for age for >12hours**

**Antibiotic therapy commenced in acute area (one dose antibiotic given)**

**Referred to Care Closer To Home:**

**Details for referral include demographics and parent contact numbers, diagnosis, treatment plan, antibiotic time and length of therapy.**

**Prescription dispensed by pharmacy.**

**All equipment for administration sent with patient- Drug, Solutions for reconstitution and flushing, needles, syringes, sharps box.**

**Details of any follow up required or discharge criteria**

**Care Closer To Home to contact family directly to arrange home visit.**

**Home visit:**

**Medication administered as per medication chart.**

**Observations taken and recorded on PEWS chart, Cannula Care bundle completed.**

**Discharge from CCTH when treatment complete or discharge criteria specified by medical lead met.**

**Discharge documentation completed and returned to acute area for filing with patient notes.**

**NB: All patients have direct open access to the acute area whilst under the care of the CCTH.**