

# What happens if my baby is born sick or premature?

They will need to be cared for in a neonatal unit. If your local hospital does not have the level of neonatal care your baby needs, your baby may have to stay in a different hospital in the South West until they are stronger. You will be transferred either before your baby is born, or your baby will be transferred by a specialist team after they are born.

**South West neonatal locations**

- NICU** Neonatal Intensive Care Units (NICU) are for the smallest or most seriously ill babies.
- LNU** Local Neonatal Units (LNU) care for babies who do not need to be in the NICU but who still require complex care.
- SCU** Special Care Units (SCU) are for babies who were born closer to their due date or who have a less serious illness.

Locations marked on the map include: Gloucestershire, Swindon, Bath, Bristol, Southmead, Bristol, St Michael's, Taunton, Exeter, Plymouth, Torquay, Yeovil, Barnstaple, and Truro.

Where can I get more information?

[www.bliss.org.uk](http://www.bliss.org.uk)  
[www.swneonatalnetwork.co.uk](http://www.swneonatalnetwork.co.uk)

