

# Level 3 Maternity Service

This factsheet provides information about planned care available at our service.



## NSW maternity and neonatal care

During your pregnancy and after your baby is born, we want to give you both the best possible care. NSW hospitals have levels of care from 1-6 to meet the different needs of mothers and babies. All hospitals are linked to a Level 6 hospital which offers the highest (most complex) level of care.

## Our services

We are a **Level 3 Maternity Service** which means:

- we can care for most women and babies during pregnancy and after the birth, and
- most women can give birth here after 37 weeks and before 42 weeks of pregnancy.

## More specialised care

A small number of women and babies may need extra care, if:

- they become unwell during pregnancy
- they go into labour early
- their baby becomes unwell, or
- they need a planned procedure we cannot provide.

If this happens to you, we have pathways to ensure you and your baby receive the care you need. We understand it is important for mothers and babies to stay together and be cared for as close to home as possible.

## If we need to transfer your care

If our hospital cannot provide the care that you and your baby need, we will talk with you about your options. You may need to travel to a hospital with higher level care.

We know it can be difficult for your family if you need to move to a hospital further from home. We have services available like social work and Aboriginal liaison officers that can help your family with organising transport, accommodation and financial help.

We encourage you to ask questions about your individual situation and take time to consider our recommendations.