Cranial Ultrasound

Infants born at < 33/52 gestation and/or < 1501 grams have routine cranial ultrasound scans at:

- Day 1
- Day 7
- Day 28
- A further head scan may be required prior to discharge for extremely preterm infants.

MRI:

An MRI should be performed at term equivalent (>38 weeks) for all babies born at <28 weeks with parental consent.

If Discharge or Transfer Planned Before all Head Scans have been Performed then:

- Discuss with consultant whether to bring to scan forward, or
- Metropolitan and country infants are to have an outpatient appointment made to coincide with follow-up and/or other appointments.
- Ideally MRI scans should be performed as inpatients.
- Ensure any scans that have been carried out are reviewed prior to discharge or transfer.
- Ensure parents are aware of all results/appointments.