



Referral pathway for Breastfeeding Network Derbyshire volunteers

When should you consider referral?

- You have concerns about growth
- Medication or a medical diagnosis may be needed
- You have concerns about poo
- You have concerns about maternal or the baby's wellbeing
- You feel the parent needs further support
- The volunteers don't have any suggestions and feel further clinical support is needed from a healthcare professional
- **For safeguarding concerns, this pathway should not be followed. Instead, please report any concerns in accordance with the Breastfeeding Network Safeguarding Policy.**

How do you make a referral?

Under Midwife care



Usually <10-14 days, but baby could be up to 28 days old
Help the parent to self-refer (usually a phone call)
As all localities are different, volunteers should ask the family how they have been asked to contact their Midwife

Under HV care



Help the parent to self-refer* via a phone call to the Health Visitor through the SPA (Single Point of Access) on 01246 515100
or
Help the parent to self-refer* via a text message to the Health Visitor through Chat Health on 07507327769

*Self-refer could mean you giving the parent the details to contact the Health Visiting team themselves or could mean you calling / texting together during the group session.