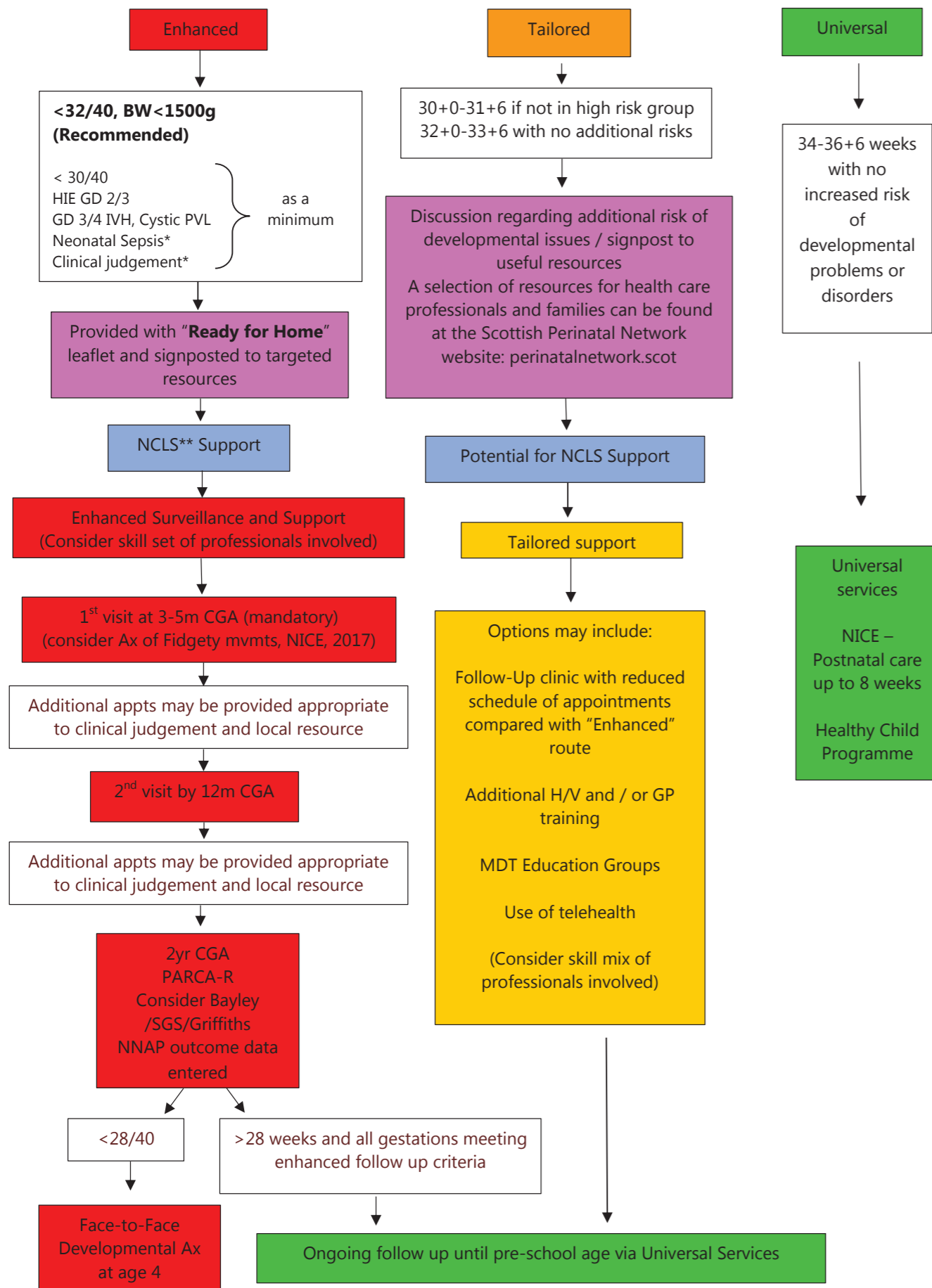


Appendix 6 - Example pathway for infants requiring neonatal follow-up



Consider providing enhanced developmental support for children who do not have any of the above risk factors but who are thought, using clinical judgement, to be at risk, taking in to account the presence and severity of risk factors.

At all points in the pathway professional should consider if referral to community paediatric developmental services is required.

** **Neonatal Sepsis** – As per clinical judgement. Neonatal meningitis, chorioamnionitis and neonatal herpes simplex virus should raise clinical suspicion more than raised CRP in isolation.

*** **NCLS – Neonatal Community Liaison Service**

4-year developmental review

See NICE, 2017 for further detailed recommendations about the 4-year developmental review.

Universal Services

All babies irrespective of gestational age at birth or other risk factors will receive universal services in addition to any enhanced or tailored support or surveillance.

Skill Mix

Refer to profession specific documents for further guidance regarding appropriate AHP experience, qualifications and training.

Glossary of Abbreviations

Grade 2/3 HIE: Moderate and Severe Hypoxic Ischaemic Encephalopathy

Grade 3/4 IVH: Grade 3 and 4 (ventricular dilatation and parenchymal extension) intra-ventricular haemorrhage.

Cystic PVL: Cystic Periventricular Leukomalacia, is a type of brain damage that involves the periventricular white matter of the brain. Damage to the white matter results in the death and decay of injured cells, leaving empty areas in the brain — called lateral ventricles, which fill with fluid (a condition called leukomalacia).

CGA Corrected Gestational Age

PARCA-R: The Parent Report of Children's Abilities-Revised (PARCA-R) is a questionnaire for assessing cognitive and language development in very preterm infants.

SGS: Schedule of Growing Skills (SGS) is an invaluable tool for professionals who need to establish the developmental levels of children. The individual assessment can be used at any time with children from birth to 5 years, enabling professionals to assess them as and when appropriate and convenient.

NNAP: The National Neonatal Audit Programme. The NNAP uses routinely collected data to support quality improvement in neonatal units.