The aim of this leaflet is to give you information about the Neonatal Liaison Nurses, Tanya and …………., and their role.

The role of the Neonatal Liaison Nurse is to plan and organise early discharge of babies from the Neonatal Unit who have an ongoing nursing need. This includes, babies going home on oxygen, babies who need long term tube feeds, those with heart conditions or other problems.

Support is given to any baby living in Tayside and North East Fife area.

**Who does the Liaison Nurse work with?**
The Liaison Nurse also works closely with Jackie, the Parent to Parent representative – a family worker visits the neonatal unit regularly and is there to offer support, listen, spend time with you in the unit or help with any queries or concerns you may have. She will also keep in touch when you go home with your baby.

The Liaison Nurse also attends the Special Infant Clinic in Ninewells and in Perth Royal Infirmary, where there is always an opportunity to speak to her and discuss your babies progress.

**Will my Health Visitor still visit?**
Whilst your baby is in the Unit, your Health Visitor receives a weekly update, and is aware of your baby’s progress. Before you go home part of the Liaison Nurse’s role is to plan the discharge with you and other health professionals. She will support you in procedures that allow you to look after your baby at home. Once home, the Liaison Nurse and your Health Visitor will work closely together to provide support.

You can contact Tanya or ………… on 01382 660111, extension 35258, if you have any problems or anything you wish to discuss following discharge.

**When will the Neonatal Liaison Nurse stop visiting?**
When there is no longer a nursing need, the ongoing support of your baby will be provided by your Health Visitor. If your baby still requires nursing support after 12 months of age you will be introduced to the Children’s Community Nursing Team. They will continue to work with your Health Visitor to support you and your baby.
Contact Numbers:

**Ninewells Hospital**  
Neonatal Liaison Nurse  
Telephone: 01382 660111, extension: 35258

**Parent to Parent**  
Telephone: 01382 817558

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