Cough/breathlessness in child <1 year of age



Clinical support tool for remote clinical assessment

Clinical findings	Green – Iow risk	Amber – intermediate risk	
Colour Activity	 Normal colour of skin, lips and tongue Responds normally to social cues Content/smiles Stays awake or wakens quickly Strong normal cry / not crying 	 Pallor Reduced response to social cues Wakes only after prolonged stimulation 	 Blue or grey of Unable to rou Clinical concerning pitched or concerning
Respiratory	None of amber or red symptoms	 RR 50-70 breaths/min Mild / moderate respiratory distress Audible stridor only when distressed 	 Grunting RR > 70 brea Severe respir Pauses in brea Audible stride
Circulation / hydration	None of amber or red symptoms	 Cold hands and feet in absence of fever Reduced urine output Reduced fluid intake: 50-75% of usual intake over previous 3-4 feeds 	Markedly red intake over la
Other	None of amber or red symptoms	 Risk factors for severe illness: pre-existing lung condition, congenital heart disease, age <6 weeks (Corrected), prematurity <35 weeks, known immunodeficiency Age 3-6 months with temp ≥39° (102.2°F) Fever for ≥ 5 days Additional parental/carer support required Lower threshold for face to face review if significant chronic co-morbidities 	• Age 0-3 mon • Seizure
	Green Action	Amber Action	
	Provide cough/breathlessness in children under <u>1 year safety netting advice</u> Confirm they are comfortable with the decisions/ advice given Always consider safeguarding issues	Consider video consultation and/or refer to primary care service for review	Refer immedia consider whet most appropri

This document was arrived at after careful consideration of the evidence available including but not exclusively NICE, SIGN, EBM data and NHS evidence, as applicable. Healthcare professionals are expected to take it fully into account when exercising their clinical judgement. The guidance does not, however, override the individual responsibility of healthcare professionals to make decisions appropriate to the circumstances of the individual patient in consultation with the patient and / or carer.

This guidance has been reviewed and adapted by healthcare professionals across the Black Country.



Red – high risk

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educed fluid intake: <50% of usual last 2-3 feeds

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