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 or to follow up abnormalities such as evolving hydrocephalus.

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

Discharge or Transfer planning:

- Ideally MRI scans should be performed as inpatients.
- Ensure any scans that have been carried out are reviewed prior to discharge or transfer.
- Discuss with consultant whether to bring scan forward if discharge or transfer is approaching
- Many back transfer hospitals are able to conduct head ultrasounds, please liaise with discharge coordinators to ensure this has been arranged.
- Metropolitan and country infants are to have an outpatient appointment made to coincide with follow-up and/or other appointments to obtain results of the MRI scan.
- Ensure parents are aware of all results/appointments.