ANTENATAL CARE PATHWAY FOR POSSIBLE SURGICAL ANOMALY

Definite need for surgery identified antenatally

YES

NO or Unsure

Referral to C&W Fetal Medicine Unit Tel 020 3315 5874 Fax 020 8846 7910

Refer to Fetal Medicine - Local team to choose initial referral pathway

Referral to QCCH Centre for Fetal Care Tel 020 3313 3577 Fax 020 3313 3507

Need for surgery in the immediate neonatal period identified
Management plan made with local unit for delivery and care of the baby

YES - Definitely required

Surgery at C&W
Abdominal wall defects, diaphragmatic hernia, bowel atresia, sacrococcygeal teratoma
Consider and discuss: bladder outlet obstruction, large abdominal cysts causing compression or >2 cm oesophageal atresia

Regular follow up in Fetal Medicine / Surgery Clinic

Delivery planned at C&W

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Spina bifida
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Review by relevant specialist(s)

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Unsure if surgery required

Joint care with local unit.
Regular follow up in Fetal Medicine / Surgery Clinic.

Delivery at local hospital, C&W, QCCH based on diagnosis.

NO

Joint care with delivery in local hospital

Local unit to arrange investigation and referral for surgery after birth with appropriate specialist service

Unexpected delivery at non-surgical centre.
Follow postnatal surgical care pathway transfer guideline.