

relationship with the staff at the network NICUs (Arrowe Park Hospital and Liverpool Women’s Hospital) and surgical centre at Alder Hey Children’s Hospital.

We provide therapeutic hypothermia, with cerebral function monitoring, to assist with decision making and allow for timely treatment prior to transfer to a cooling centre. There are close links to the North West milk bank which has recently moved from the NNU to the University of Chester site.

2. Outcome and activity data

This report contains activity and outcome data for the calendar year 2016. Where possible, data from previous years have been included for comparison and to explore possible trends. Data are extracted from the BadgerNet system. Where available, comparison is made to regional and / or national data.

Births and Admissions

In 2016 there were 496 admissions to the neonatal unit.

Table 1. Total admissions

Year:	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
Total admissions:	379	422	514	556	460	557	468	496

Figure 1. Babies and admissions 2014-2016