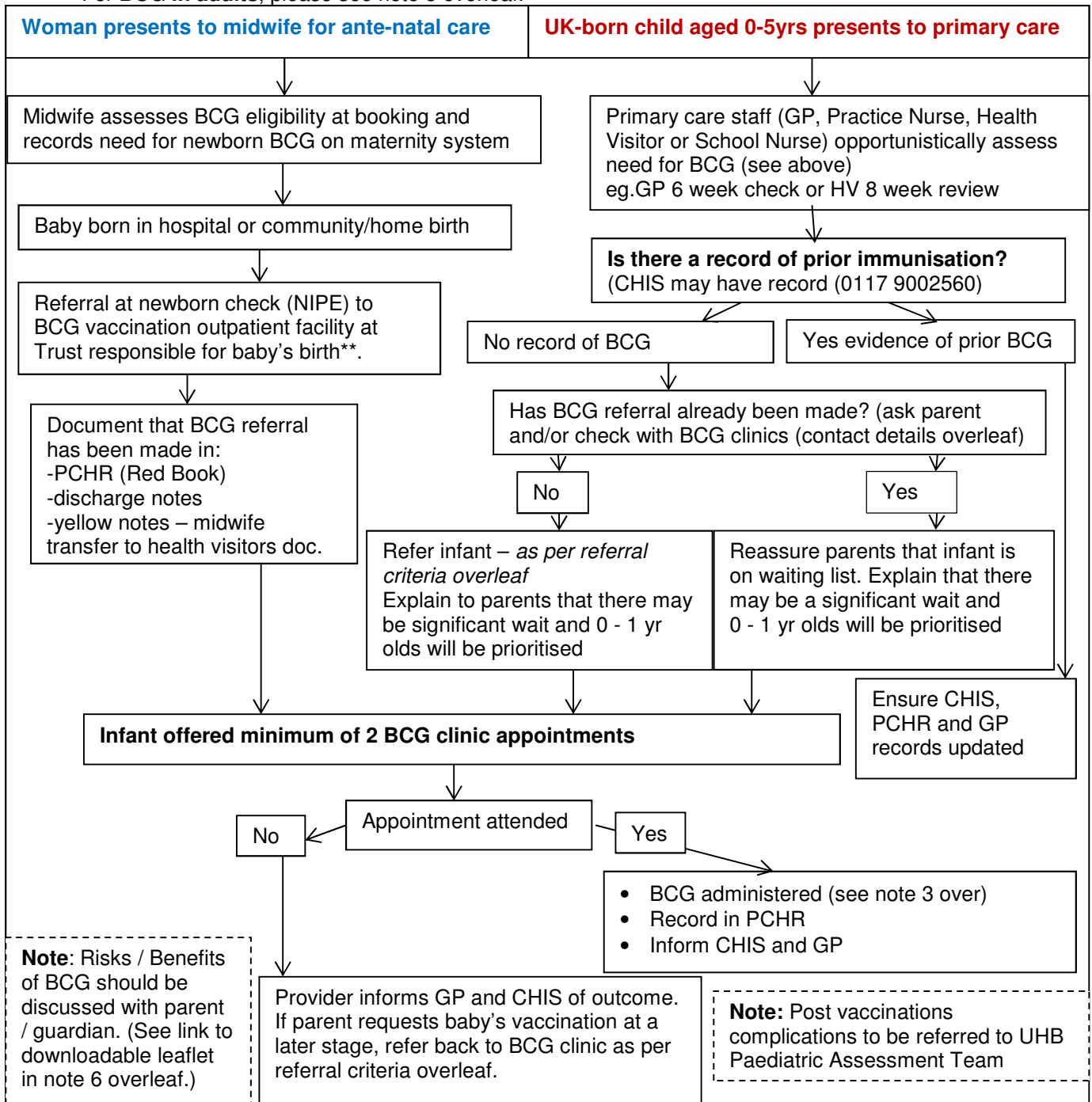


TB care pathway: Providing BCG in Bristol area

(July 2017)

BCG is recommended for UK-born children aged 0 - 5 if they:

- Have a parent or grandparent born in a high incidence country for TB (over 40 cases per 100,000) Incidence rates are found at <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/tuberculosis-tb-by-country-rates-per-100000-people>
- Have a family history of treated TB within the past 5 years.
- Were born in, have lived in (or plan to live in) a high incidence country for TB for a period of at least 3 months
 - Please see notes 1 and 2 (overleaf) regarding important exclusions to the above.
 - For **children born outside** the UK see note 3 overleaf.
 - For **children aged 6 – 16yrs of age** see note 4 overleaf.
 - For **BCG in adults**, please see note 5 overleaf.



Bristol, S Glos, N Somerset BCG Providers – referral criteria

Use clinic details below to check on referral route and/or if an infant is already on a BCG clinic waiting list.

Download a referral form: <https://briscohealth.org.uk/our-services/tuberculosis-tb-nurse-service/>

For eligible mover in infants 0 – 16 yrs born outside Bristol area or infants over 1 yr born in Bristol area:

***Community BCG clinic**

- Wellsprings Surgery

Tel: 0117 9557711 **Fax:** 0117 9548757

For eligible infants under 1 yr born in Bristol area (if no internal Trust referral already made):

****BCG Hospital Clinics**

- St Michael's BCG outpatients clinic (for babies born at St Michael's) **Tel:** 0117 3426888 (outpatient call centre)
- Bristol Children's Hospital outpatients (only for children with complex medical conditions) **Tel:** 0117 3427954 **Fax:** 0117 3428177
- Southmead Hospital (for babies born at Southmead and Cossham) **Tel:** 0117 4145807
- Seashore Centre, Weston Hospital (for Weston babies) **Tel:** 01934 881123

For babies born in Bristol Hospital but resident outside of the area, record on discharge notes that referral to local BCG provision is needed

Notes:

1. **Babies born into a household where someone has recently been diagnosed or has untreated TB** should not be routinely vaccinated with BCG, but urgent advice should be sought from the following paediatrician:

Consultant in Paediatric Infectious Diseases
Bristol Children's Hospital
Tel: 0117 3420174
Fax: 0117 3420221

2. **Babies and young children at risk of being HIV positive** must not receive routine BCG, but be referred to the paediatric infectious diseases team for advice / review.

3. **Children aged 0-5 who meets criteria for needing BCG, but has been resident in a country with a high incidence of TB for more than three months**, should be mantoux-tested first, which is organised by the Community BCG Clinics.

4. **Children aged 6 – 16yrs of age** with parent or grandparent born in a country where annual incidence of TB is 40/100,000 or greater should be identified at suitable opportunities referred to community BCG clinic*, mantoux tested and vaccinated if negative.

5. **Adults seeking BCG** should be advised of the current policy and given written information.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/vaccine-update-issue-265-july-2017-bcg-special-edition>

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/tuberculosis-the-green-book-chapter-32>

'Routine' adult BCG vaccination is currently confined to those at occupational risk.

NHS employees or others who may be at occupational risk should be advised to contact their employer's occupational health service for further advice.

6. **Information for families on TB, BCG vaccine and babies** can be downloaded:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/tb-bcg-and-your-baby-leaflet>