



## Newborn blood spot failsafe processes between Scotland and England

|          | <b>Born</b><br>(Country of birth) | <b>Resident</b><br>(Home address) | <b>Tested</b><br>(Where tested) | <b>Failsafe site</b><br>(Where record appears) | <b>Actions by newborn blood spot screening failsafe solution (NBSFS) users</b>  |
|----------|-----------------------------------|-----------------------------------|---------------------------------|--|---|
| <b>1</b> | <b>England</b>                    | <b>Scotland</b>                   | <b>Scotland</b>                 | <b>NBSFS (England)</b>                         | English NBSFS site should transfer record to 'Out of England – Scotland' if screening is now responsibility of Scotland. There will be no further follow up on NBSFS. Ensure appropriate handover to Scotland has been made.  |
| <b>2</b> | <b>England</b>                    | <b>Scotland</b>                   | <b>England</b>                  | <b>NBSFS (England)</b>                         |   |
| <b>3</b> | <b>England</b>                    | <b>England</b>                    | <b>Scotland</b>                 | <b>NBSFS (England)</b>                         | English NBSFS site uses the record query form to forward the lab card ID and confirmation that screening is complete (obtained from Scottish lab) to the NBSFS helpdesk requesting that the record is removed. This can only be done on the authority of a midwife. |
| <b>4</b> | <b>Scotland</b>                   | <b>England</b>                    | <b>England</b>                  | <b>None</b>                                    | Babies resident in England but born in Scotland will not appear on the NBSFS. It is important to have alternative, local failsafe arrangements in place. Records can be added to NBSFS if requested via helpdesk using the record query form.                       |
| <b>5</b> | <b>Scotland</b>                   | <b>England</b>                    | <b>Scotland</b>                 | <b>None</b>                                    |   |
| <b>6</b> | <b>Scotland</b>                   | <b>Scotland</b>                   | <b>England</b>                  | <b>None</b>                                    |   |

Contact the NBSFS helpdesk for advice about complex cases, such as babies who have NBS screening carried out by both Scotland and English laboratories.

NBSFS helpdesk 0845 070 2778 or [NBSFS.helpdesk@nhs.net](mailto:NBSFS.helpdesk@nhs.net) or NBSFS [customer portal](#).

For Scotland contact details: <http://www.newbornscreening.org/site/laboratory-directory.asp>.