**Exclusion Criteria for Paediatric Day Case Surgery**

These guidelines assume that the anaesthetist and surgeon planning the case are appropriate. If there is any doubt whether a patient should have surgery as a day case, please contact the consultant anaesthetist and/or surgeon in charge of the case.

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| Age | * Term infants <4 weeks old
* Ex-preterm infants <60 weeks post-conceptual age
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| Medical | * ASA 3, 4 or 5 (any child with a systemic disease which causes them a definite, functional limitation)
* Untreated or complex congenital heart disease
* Active viral or bacterial infection
* Any newly diagnosed medical condition undergoing investigation
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| Anaesthetic | * Prolonged anaesthetic/surgical time
* Difficult airway
* Family history of malignant hyperpyrexia
* Family history of Sudden Infant Death Syndrome
* Haemoglobinopathy (not Sickle Cell Trait or Thalassaemia Minor)
* Moderate/severe obstructive sleep apnoea
* Infants with a history of chronic lung disease or apnoeas
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| Surgical | * Prolonged/complex procedures or opening of a body cavity
* Procedures where post-operative pain is unlikely to be controlled by oral medication
* High risk of peri-operative haemorrhage/fluid loss
* Need for specialist post-operative nursing care
* Operations on the airway (not including adenotonsillectomy)
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| Social | * Poor home circumstances
* No transport or telephone available
* Home a long distance from an appropriate hospital (>1hr)
* Extreme parental anxiety or an unwillingness/inability to care for the child at home post-operatively
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