

## Anencephaly/exencephaly/acrania

Offer TOP locally as life limiting abnormality  
Refer to Leeds FM if doubt regarding the diagnosis, second opinion requested or wishes to continue the pregnancy.  
Appointment within 3 days of referral

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### Leeds FMU

- Detailed ultrasound assessment to confirm diagnosis and assess for additional structural anomalies.
- Discuss life limiting diagnosis – offer TOP
- Discuss impact on maternal health and risk of continuing pregnancy
- Risk of unstable lie, polyhydramnios, abruption and LSCS

Refer back to local unit if TOP accepted

### Leeds FMU/ Local obstetric unit

If opt to continue pregnancy, rescan at agreed interval with parents. Involve neonatal team to discuss palliation, organ donation. Involve hospice for on-going support

### Delivery and postnatal care

Aim for vaginal birth. Caesarean section only for maternal indications. Ensure postnatal advice regarding high dose 5mg folic acid for any subsequent pregnancy