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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST FOI/012987 – Community midwives

I wish to make a request under the Freedom of Information Act

1. How many community midwives does your trust employ? - 35wte
2. How many live births was your trust responsible for in financial year 2015/16? - 4442
3. How many bilirubinometers (device to measure bilirubin in the blood) does your trust have available for use by community midwives - None
4. Where are your trust's bilirubinometers stored? - Only have one and it is stored on neo-natal unit
5. What training is provided to community midwives in the use of bilirubinometers? - N/A
6. How much does your trust spend per annum on purchasing bilirubinometers? Please provide figure for financial year 2015/16 - £0
7. Does your trust have a policy for treatment of neonatal jaundice? - Yes
8. If a policy exists how do you ensure community midwives are familiar with it and adhere to it when attending to babies in the community? - Informed at induction, policy on Trust intranet for reference
9. What is your average discharge time for babies and mothers following a live birth - Average for non caesarean sections is 25 hours, average for caesarean sections is 44 hours for mothers
10. Do you record cases of brain damage caused by high bilirubin levels in babies with neonatal jaundice (kernicterus) - We would record this if letter of claim included this
11. If yes to the question above then please provide figures for the number of cases for all financial years where data is available - No cases have been reported
12. How much compensation did your trust pay to children with brain damage caused by high bilirubin levels (kernicterus) for all financial years where data is available NONE