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Dear

**Request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000**

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Please find below the Trust's response to your request.

**1. How many community midwives does your trust employ?**

76.2 FTE

**2. How many live births was your trust responsible for in financial year 2015/16?**

6012

**3. How many bilirubinometers (device to measure bilirubin in the blood) does your trust have available for use by community midwives?**

We have 5 bilirubinometers registered.

**4. Where are your trust's bilirubinometers stored?**

Four in the Pathology department and one in the maternity department

**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**

2015/16 nil spent on bilirubinometers

**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?**

All have access to guidelines and pathways via the Trust's intranet. New staff receive training on guidelines at Local induction.

**9. What is your average discharge time for babies and mothers following a live birth?**

Dependant on mode of birth: 6-48hrs

**10. Do you record cases of brain damage caused by high bilirubin levels in babies with neonatal jaundice (kernicterus)?**

PHT would record kernicterus as a diagnosis

**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 known cases

**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

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If you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact this office.

Yours sincerely

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