



Request under Freedom of Information Act 2000

**Request Ref: NGFOI 16/17: 273**

Thank you for your request for information received at Northampton General Hospital NHS Trust (NGH) on 23/08/16.

I am pleased that we are now able to provide you with a response to your request as shown below.

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**Response from Northampton General Hospital NHS Trust (NGH):**

1. How many community midwives does your trust employ?  
53 headcount
2. How many live births was your trust responsible for in financial year 2015/16?  
4759 live births
3. How many bilirubinometers (device to measure bilirubin in the blood) does your trust have available for use by community midwives?  
10
4. Where are your trust's bilirubinometers stored?  
Community office in Northampton / Daventry base
5. What training is provided to community midwives in the use of bilirubinometers?  
Training is given by the Practice Development team/ development days/cascade training
6. How much does your trust spend per annum on purchasing bilirubinometers? Please provide figure for financial year 2015/16 –  
The spend per annum on purchasing bilirubinometers will vary.  
2015/16 spend: £20,000.
7. Does your trust have a policy for treatment of neonatal jaundice?  
Yes as per NICE guideline
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?  
It is embedded as part of community midwives induction and available on Trust intranet. Compliance is monitored through the governance processes
9. What is your average discharge time for babies and mothers following a live birth?  
Average 1 night stay
10. Do you record cases of brain damage caused by high bilirubin levels in babies with neonatal jaundice (kernicterus)  
Yes

11. If yes to the question above then please provide figures for the number of cases for all financial years where data is available –

None

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. –

This information is not held by the Trust. This information may be available from the NHS Litigation Authority (NHSLA). They can be contacted at:

<http://www.nhsla.com/Pages/ContactUs.aspx>