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### **Freedom of Information Act 2000**

I am writing in response to your request for information made under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 in relation to Retinopathy of Prematurity (ROP) screening.

*You asked:*

*Can you please provide me with your protocol for ROP screening protocol, as we are updating our department protocol?*

Trust response:

The ROP guidelines are set by NNAP (National Neonatal Audit Programme, section 2.7 on 2018 report on 2017 data). This data identifies those babies who should be screened for retinopathy of prematurity (ROP) on time. These babies are <32+0 weeks gestation or <1501g in weight. They should have their first ROP screen when they are 4-5 weeks old and usually while they are still an inpatient. Data is collected from the neonatal dashboard on the Badger neonatal database and an annual report is produced detailing all units' results nationally. The Trust offers babies who are to undergo screening, sucrose for pain relief and there is a separate guideline for the use of sucrose. There is a national detailed information leaflet on ROP screening to give to parents.

[http://www.rcpch.ac.uk/sites/default/files/2018-03/parent\\_information\\_leaflet\\_-\\_screening\\_for\\_retinopathy\\_of\\_prematurity\\_2008-05.pdf](http://www.rcpch.ac.uk/sites/default/files/2018-03/parent_information_leaflet_-_screening_for_retinopathy_of_prematurity_2008-05.pdf)