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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 Haemolytic disease of the newborn (HDN) also known as Rhesus Disease/Maternal Antibodies.

*You asked:*

*I write under the Freedom of Information Act to request copies of all Clinical policies and procedures, guidelines and standards that were in use to govern the clinical decisions concerning the treatment of Haemolytic disease of the newborn (HDN) also known as Rhesus Disease/Maternal Antibodies made in the Neo-natal units within the Maidstone & Tunbridge Wells NHS Trust from 1998 to 2002.*

*These documents will include but not be limited to the management of :*

*Rhesus Disease  
Haemolytic Disease of the newborn (HDN)  
Neo natal jaundice in pre-term and term neonates  
Hyperbilirubinemia in the newborn  
Phototherapy  
Exchange transfusions in neonates*

*And any other interventions/guidelines into how to treat Haemolytic Jaundice in newborns.*

*These documents pre-date NICE guidelines and the parameters of **1998 - 2002** are especially important.*

Trust response:

These documents fell under the responsibility of the previous organisations to Maidstone and Tunbridge Wells NHS Trust (MTW). When MTW was formed

all documentation from the previous organisations were received but not indexed and have been most likely archived at Chatham Archive. In order to carry out your request all the archive boxes would need to be recalled and manually checked for the information.

The Trust has estimated that it will cost more than the appropriate limit to consider your request. The appropriate limit is specified in regulations and represents the estimated cost of one person spending 3½ working days in determining whether the Trust holds the information, locating, retrieving and extracting the information. Under Section 12 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 the Trust is not obliged to comply with your request and we will not be processing your request further.