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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 Nasogastric (NG) feeding tubes in babies/infants under the age of 12 months.

You asked:

I would be grateful if you could provide copies of any pathways/protocols that relate to the use of Nasogastric (NG) feeding tubes within your trust.

In particular please advise if there is a pathway/protocol relating to the removal of/weaning off of the NG feeding.

Trust response:

The Trust has the following policy and procedures available to staff.

Paediatric nasogastric feeding and competency tool
FOR STAFF - PAEDIATRIC NASOGASTRIC COMPETENCY
CARE OF A CHILD WITH A NASOGASTRIC TUBE COMPETENCY TOOL
FOR PARENTS / CARERS

These are attached to the email.

All trained staff are taught on induction how to insert and remove tubes, untrained staff are trained to use tubes but not place or remove them.

The Trust has a draft paediatric enteral feeding guideline which is currently awaiting approval for publication