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Response Due: 10<sup>th</sup> December 2024

Date: 10<sup>th</sup> December 2024

Dear Sir/Madam

With reference to your request for information received on 12<sup>th</sup> November 2024, I can confirm in accordance with Section 1 (1) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 that we do hold the information you have requested. A response to each part of your request is provided below.

In your request you asked:

**I would like to request the following information under the Freedom of Information Act relating to the provision of care for babies with jaundice in your Trust.**

- 1. Do babies in the community have TcB (Transcutaneous) test when jaundice is suspected?**  
Yes, we do a bilimeter reading if a baby is jaundiced (unless they have already had SBR taken, then we follow up with another blood test).
- 2. What level does the TcB need to be to indicate a blood test for Serum Bilirubin (TSB)?**  
If the reading is greater than 250 micromol/l on a baby older than 24 hours and less than 14 days, then this should be followed up with a SBR.
- 3. Where do the babies have the blood test for TSB (Total serum bilirubin) once jaundice has been identified in the community eg, at home, sent back to maternity or sent to paediatric unit If phototherapy is required, where is this carried out, in maternity or the paediatric unit?**  
We undertake the test at home and obtain the result. We then discuss result with Paediatrician and the baby then gets admitted to the Children's ward (Rainbow Ward) via A&E for treatment, if required. Some mothers whom have delivered out of area may wish to go back to that hospital for treatment, and we would arrange this.
- 4. If you have a protocol or pathway for this, I would be really grateful if you could share this.**  
Neonatal jaundice guidelines are attached. Specific SOP regarding TcB Pathway is not currently available. We will review this with view to specific SOP.

If you are not entirely satisfied with this response, please do not hesitate to contact the Information Governance Department via the email address provided. If we do not hear from you within 40 days, we will assume that we have been able to accommodate your request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

Yours sincerely,



Handwritten signature of Kevin Parker-Evans in black ink, with the name 'PARKER-EVANS.' printed below it.

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If you are unhappy with the service you have received in relation to your request and wish to make a complaint or request a review of our decision, you should write to: Information Governance Department, Wrightington, Wigan and Leigh NHS Foundation Trust, Suite 9, Buckingham Row, Brick Kiln Lane, Wigan, WN1 1XX.

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The Information Commissioner's Office  
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