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Requested:

I am carrying out research in to pathways and protocols relating to the use of Nasogastric (NG) feeding tubes in babies/infants under the age of 12 months.

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.

Response:

Hywel Dda University Health Board (UHB) provides copies of the following guidelines for the use of NG tubes for Acute Paediatrics:

- Attachment 1 – High Dependency Care of Children Guideline
- Attachment 2 - Bronchiolitis guideline

Additionally, the UHB has a policy, Policy 676 – Enteral feeding policy for children and young people. This document is currently under review, with the draft having been circulated to colleagues for consultation; a final version has not yet been approved.

The UHB does not have specific guidelines/policies for Neonates. However, the UHB has provided copies of the following neonatal network guidelines which are utilised:

- Attachment 3 – Feeding assessment
- Attachment 4 - Enteral Feeding Care Pathway; - these are not specific in weaning from tube to full feeds, the baby is assessed on their tolerance and feeding cues.
- Attachment 5 - All Wales Enteral Feeding for Preterm Infants guidance document
- Attachment 6 – Underpinning knowledge; required knowledge as well as a breast feeding assessment which is used to transition from tube to breast feeding and the principles of baby's behaviour are similar for bottle feeding.