

29 September 2025

Enteral Tube Feeding

1. Does your organisation provide care to individuals aged 0-25 who may use home enteral feeding tubes?

Yes

2. How many patients has your organisation provided dietetic care for home enteral tube feeding between 01-01-2023-31-12-2024?

- a. Divided into the following age categories: 0-18, 18-25, 25+ (age when they joined the caseload or age on 01-01-23 if they were on the caseload throughout this period)

- b. If possible, please provide caseload numbers by age (e.g. <1, 1-2, 2-3... years etc.)

3. Of these, how many individuals use a blended diet*?

- a. Divided in the following age categories: 0-18, 18-25, 25+

- b. If possible, please provide caseload numbers by age (e.g. <1, 1-2, 2-3... years etc.)

4. Does your organisation have the following:

- a. Local blended diet policy – Acute setting (Yes/No)

- b. Local blended diet policy – Community setting (Yes/No)

- c. Blended diet guideline (Yes/No)

- d. Blended diet standard operating guideline or procedure (Yes/No)

- e. Blended diet training package (Yes/No)

- f. If yes to 4a-4e, please provide a copy.

5. Are any staff employed by your organisation in roles funded by income provided by an enteral feeding provider (e.g. Nutricia, Abbott)?

- a. If yes, please state number of posts (whole time equivalent) and Agenda for Change banding.

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For questions 2 to 5 we have provided the attached information:

Template spreadsheet – Attachment 1

The template has been completed using information accessible within 18 hours and appropriate policy/guidelines that we have in place attached. The Trust considers that the cost of retrieving any further information would be above the 'Appropriate Limit' as defined by the FOI Act under Section 12. The limit has been specified as £450 and represents the estimated cost of one or more persons spending 18 hours in determining whether we hold the information, locating, retrieving and extracting this information.

The adult figures are for over 18 year olds. We are unable to break this down further to provide figures indicating how many patients are on enteral tube feeding for specific periods of time for both adults and paediatrics as this would take an exorbitant amount of time, taking us over the specified limit.

Standard Operating Procedure Final Blended Diet Paeds Acute* – Attachment 2

Blended Diet Recipe Ideas* – Attachment 3

* A blended diet is the use of everyday foods blended to a puree and given via an enteral feeding tube. This may be used exclusively or in combination with commercial formula.