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Nasogastric (NG) feeding tubes pathways and protocols

Enquiry:

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:

Please see attached:

1. Belfast Trust guidance for the insertion of orogastric or nasogastric tubes by nurses and midwives.
2. Also attached is the Enteral Feeding for Very Low Birth Weight Infant in Neonatal Intensive Care. This is guidance for increasing feeds in conjunction with the assessment of the baby.