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Dear Requester,

Thank you for your Freedom of Information request. Please note, this is a cross-site response for Bedford site and Luton site.

You asked:

Please confirm or deny if Bedfordshire Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust provides information on all forms of infant feeding (including breastfeeding, formula feeding, and combination feeding) at the 28-week antenatal appointment as outlined in the NICE guideline NG201, post-birth before the family has been discharged and at any other times.

If confirm, please provide a copy of the information on infant feeding that is provided and confirm how as well as when it is delivered.

I can confirm that the Trust provides information on all aspects of feeding. We have a website [www.bedfordshirehospitals.nhs.uk/infantfeeding](https://gbr01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=http%3A%2F%2Fwww.bedfordshirehospitals.nhs.uk%2Finfantfeeding&data=05%7C01%7Cbhn-tr.foibedfordshirehospitals%40nhs.net%7C378fbce5de244515c92108db77bd7677%7C37c354b285b047f5b22207b48d774ee3%7C0%7C0%7C638235427841909939%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C3000%7C%7C%7C&sdata=Fgcw%2BSAv0zgfhHF04ALecVUolwgUfWFMdDR3K8jIj08%3D&reserved=0) which parents can access antenatally and postnatally.

It gives information on antenatal expressing, breastfeeding, bottle feeding, postnatal expressing, pump hire, tongue tie information and how to contact the Infant Feeding Team if needed.

A QR code for the website in put onto their antenatal notes in Luton.

Midwives then regularly throughout pregnancy have ‘antenatal conversations’ and answer any questions that arise and a magazine ‘Mothers & Others’ is given out at booking with contains information on infant feeding.

Support with feeding during their inpatient stay is given by staff.  As well as in community midwifery clinics. QR code posters are at the bedside in Luton and an infant feeding pack is given to parents on their chosen method of feeding prior to discharge which links with the Trust website. We run specialist feeding clinics twice a week, families can be referred or self-refer if need additional support.

Evidence of what we provide is on the website above as it links to the leaflets we give out. The website is well received and also used by Bedford Hospital.

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 Yours sincerely,

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