

Freedom of Information Act 2000 - Request Reference Fol/21/372

New-Born Policy

Request Details

We write to request a copy of your policy for what action should be taken regarding a new-born when the mother has a history of hip problems.

Response Details

Women are asked at booking about their family medical history which includes a question around any hip problems from birth (Page 9 of the All Wales Antenatal notes).

Following birth at the time of the NIPE check this is checked by the NIPE examiner and women are also asked verbally whether there is any history of congenital hip problems. If any concerns are raised a DDH referral form is completed. It is important to note that the NIPE examiner does not have access to the patients' main district medical notes only her maternity notes so if a hip problem has not been disclosed in the maternity notes or at the time of the NIPE examination then the NIPE examiner would not be aware of this. Also this is only relevant for congenital hip problems not if the mother has problems with her hips from another cause e.g. if she had an accident.

Please see the attached materials.